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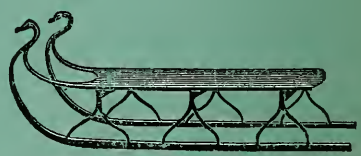

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PREFACE.

The proposal to issue this first YEAR BOOK—of, we trust, a long series—was sprung upon the Union Meeting at Brantford, somewhat suddenly, with little, if any, previous preparation. The plan was so cordially, even enthusiastically, received, that there can be no doubt that the publication will meet a general want. But this initial number appears under some disadvantages. At least two of the following Reports were already in type, so that the uniformity of type and consecutive numbering of pages, characteristic of a "book," were unattainable in this instance. Moreover, the absence of the Editor for his annual vacation, and delays in receiving expected material, have made the day of publication later than the promised first of September. The whole of the outline sketched in the plan has not been filled up, something being left for after years.

Notwithstanding these drawbacks, however, the volume now presented will be found to contain a mass of valuable information with respect to the origin and present condition of our churches and denominational institutions, which will prove both interesting and serviceable to those who concern themselves—as all ought to do—with the proceedings of the body at large.

Time and space have failed for a history of all our general organizations. The story of the Unions of Canada East and Canada West, and of Canada, must be reserved for another year. That of the late Widows' and Orphans' Fund,—now the "Congregational Provident Fund Society,"—and that of the "Canadian Independent" have lately been told in the pages of that periodical, but may advantageously be rehearsed in a future YEAR BOOK. In the present issue, however, the Missionary Society, the College, the Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and the several District Associations of Ontario and Quebec have their beginnings and progress clearly set forth.

The lists of British, Colonial and American Congregational Organisations will be found very useful for purposes of correspondence and visitation. It is believed that they have not been so brought together in any previous publication The same may be said of the list of periodicals.

To these are added the "Declaration of Faith and Church Order" of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, and an outline of the Statistics of the body in Britain and America.

All this matter, however, is but introductory to the Reports of the several

Societies, which are here presented in full, and together, for the first time, and of which we urge the careful perusal. The facts therein contained ought to be familiar to every Congregational household in the Dominion. Every facility for reference is provided in the Index.

Let it be remembered, that the YEAR BOOK *is meant to be preserved, not destroyed ;*—to be frequently referred to, not thrown aside after one hasty glance at its contents. In size, it is made to correspond with the "Canadian Independent," so as to be bound up with the volume closing with the number of the Magazine for the June preceding the issue of the YEAR BOOK.

Another year, it is designed to have the material for the YEAR BOOK prepared before the Union Meeting, so that, if the Reports are ready with like promptitude, the whole may go to press as soon as the annual gatherings are over, and appear early, in uniform style, a veritable *book*, which shall enable all concerned, at home and abroad, to "know our affairs, and how we do."

May this first attempt be so well received, and so useful to the brethren, as to encourage many improvements in the next !

F. H. MARLING,

TORONTO, September, 1873. *Editor.*

The following is the Prospectus of the Year-Book laid before the Union Meeting :—

"The *Canadian Independent* Publishing Company propose to issue a *Canadian Congregational Year-Book*, composed of reports of the Union and other denominational societies, prefaced with suitable information in relation to our churches in Canada, Britain, and the United States, to be sold at 10 cents a copy. The several societies to pay for printing a share of the cost proportionate to the space occupied by their reports respectively, and to be at liberty to issue additional copies separately for other uses as they may see fit. The edition is proposed to be from 2,000 to 3,000 copies. A special editor will be appointed to compile the whole. Orders will now be asked, if the plan is approved, for such number of copies as the representatives of the churches may undertake to dispose of. It is expected that the *Year-Book* will be issued by 1st September. It will be of the same size of page as the *Canadian Independent*, and it is recommended that it be bound up with the yearly volume of the magazine. The receipts from sales, after defraying the cost of the introductory matter, prepared by the special editor, shall be divided among the organizations contributing their reports, *pro rata.*"

N.B.—The Editor solicits the communication of suitable material for the next annual issue, especially of denominational items for the Calendar, that in the present volume being only a specimen and commencement of a record to be made much more complete hereafter.

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[Past Events in Roman characters.—Appointments for Current Year in Italics.]

JULY, 1873—31 DAYS.

1	Tu	Dom. Day—Canada Confed. 1867.
2	W	Pilgrim Fathers sailed, 1620.
3	Th	Battle of Sadowa, 1866.
4	F	American Independence, 1776.
5	S	[B.N.A.
6	S	Postage reduced to 5c. throughout
7	M	John Huss burnt, 1415.
8	Tu	[bited, 1793.
6	W	Import. Slaves to Canada prohi-
10	Th	Calvin born, 1509.
11	F	Rev. J. Silcox died, 1873.
12	S	
13	S	London S. S. Union estab., 1803.
14	M	Church Rates abolished, 1868.
15	Tu	Rev. T. Lightbody died, 1871.
16	W	Hegira ; Mohammed, 622.
17	Th	Dr. Watts born, 1674.
18	F	Rev. J. A. R. Dickson ord., 1865.
19	S	[London, Ont.
20	S	
21	M	Spanish Armada defeated, 1588.
22	Tu	Pilg. Fathers sailed Delft, 1620.
23	W	
24	Th	First No. *Can. Indept.* pub., 1854.
25	F	Oro Church ded. 1869.
26	S	
27	S	
28	M	Zion Ch., Montreal, burnt, 1867.
29	Tu	Altantic Tele. Cable laid, 1866.
30	W	First Eng. Newspaper pub. 1588.
31	Th	P. of Wales visit America, 1860.

AUGUST, 1873—31 DAYS.

1	F	Emanc. Slaves, Brit. Dominion, 1834.
2	S	Rev. J. Douglas, ord., 1865, Lanark.
3	S	Columbus' First Voyage, 1492.
4	M	
5	Tu	Pilgrim Fathers sailed from Sou-
6	W	[thampton, 1620.
7	Th	Atlantic Telegraph laid, 1867.
8	F	
9	S	
10	S	Rev. G. Stirling died, 1870.
11	M	
12	Tu	
13	W	
14	Th	First book printed by Faust, 1457.
15	F	
16	S	Andrew Marvel died, 1678.
17	S	Farewell Sermons, 2000 Ejected
18	M	[Clergy, 1662.
19	Tu	
20	W	
21	Th	Prince of Wales at Quebec, 1860.
22	F	Brigham Church ded., 1872.
23	S	
24	S	"Black Bartholomew," France,
25	M	[1572 ; England, 1662.
26	Tu	Albert the Good born, 1819.
27	W	
28	Th	
29	F	
30	S	[B. Bucher died, 1866.
31	S	John Bunyan died, 1688—Rev. G.

SEPTEMBER, 1873—30 DAYS.

1	M	"Cong. Academy" (Col.) opened, To-
2	Tu	Rev. J. Roaf died, 1862. [ronto, 1840
3	W	Oliver Cromwell died, 1658.
4	Th	River Hudson discovered, 1609.
5	F	New Style introduced, 1752.
6	S	Rev. W. Hayden died, 1865—*Union,*
7	S	[*N. S. and N. B., Yarmouth*
8	M	Fall of Sebastopol, 1855.
9	Tu	
10	W	
11	Th	Mahomet born, 569.
12	F	
13	S	Quebec taken, Gen. Wolfe died, 1759
14	S	Moscow burnt, 1812.
15	M	Pine Grove Ch. dedicated, 1867.
16	Tu	Rev. R. McGregor died, 1864
17	W	*Session of* 1873-4—*Cong. Col. opens*—
18	Th	[Rev. J. Robertson died, 1861.
19	F	Forest Ch. formed.
20	S	Fall of Popes' Temp'l Power, 1870.
21	S	Dr. Wilkes' Inaug. Lect., Cong.
22	M	[College, 1870.
23	Tu	
24	W	[bourne.
25	Th	Rev. D. C. Frink, ord., 1862, Mel-
26	F	Zion Ch. Toronto, ded., 1866.
27	S	"Society of Jesus" formed, 1540.
28	S	Rev. J. Forsyth died, 1866.
29	M	William Conqueror landed, 1066.
30	Tu	Whitefield died, 1770.

OCTOBER, 1873—31 DAYS.

1	W	Rev. Dr. Wilkes, pastor, Mont'l, '36.
2	Th	*Evan. Alliance meets at N. Y.*, 1873.
3	F	Rev. J. Armour died, 1870. [1858.
4	S	Univ. of Toronto, top stone laid,
5	S	
6	M	David Brainerd died, 1747.
7	Tu	*Central Assoc'n meets at Pine Grove.*
8	W	
9	Th	
10	F	Intercolonial Conference, Que., '64.
11	S	Zuinglius slain, 1531.
12	S	Savoy Confession published, 1658—
13	M	[America dis'd by Columbus, 1492.
14	Tu	[dedicated, 1862.
15	W	Book of Sports, 1633—Ottawa Ch.,
16	Th	Ridley and Latimer burnt, 1555.
17	F	C. C. Indian Mis. Soc. org'zd. '60—
18	S	[Rev. W. W. Smith ord., 1865, Lis-
19	S	Rev. Dr. Lillie died, 1869. [towel.
20	M	
21	Tu	*Prov. S.S. Convention, Toronto,* 1873.
22	W	Vespra Church dedicated, 1871.
23	Th	
24	F	Edict of Nantes revoked, 1685.
25	S	
26	S	Dr. Doddridge died, 1761.
27	M	Servetus burnt, 1553.
28	Tu	Alfred the Great died, 900.
29	W	
30	Th	
31	F	Five Mile Act, 1665.

NOVEMBER, 1873—30 DAYS.

1	S	Bishop Strachan died, 1867.
2	S	Insurrection in Lower Canada, '38.
3	M	Henry VIII. Head of Church, 1534.
4	Tu	London Miss. Soc. formed, 1704.
5	W	Rev. Duncan McGregor ord., 1872.
6	Th	Princess Charlotte died, 1817.
7	F	Rev. F. H. Marling ord. 1849, Mont'l
8	S	Milton died, 1674.
9	S	Prince of Wales born, 1841.
10	M	Martin Luther born, 1483.
11	Tu	Cong. Ch., Danville, formed, 1832.
12	W	
13	Th	Synod of Dort, 1618.
14	F	
15	S	
16	S	[Council org., Oberlin, 1871.
17	M	Q. Mary died, 1558—Cong. National
18	Tu	
19	W	John Williams killed at Erromanga,
20	Th	[1830—Brantford new Church
21	F	[ded., 1865.
22	S	
23	S	Cong. Ch., Toronto, formed, 1834.
24	M	John Knox died, 1572.
25	Tu	Sir H. Havelock died, 1857.
26	W	Isaac Watts died, 1748.
27	Th	
28	F	
29	S	
30	S	

DECEMBER, 1873—31 DAYS.

1	M	
2	Tu	Rev. W. Macalister died, 1866.
3	W	James II. abdicated, 1688.
4	Th	Council of Trent closed, 1563.
5	F	English Transl. of Bible, 1611.
6	S	
7	S	Rebels defeated, Toronto, 1837.
8	M	Richard Baxter died, 1691.
9	Tu	
10	W	[1620.
11	Th	Pilgrim Fathers landed in America,
12	F	[Bond St. Ch., Toronto, ded., 1863
13	S	Council of Trent opened, 1545—
14	S	Prince Albert died, 1861.
15	M	
16	Tu	Cromwell made Protector, 1653.
17	W	
18	Th	
19	F	Fergus Ch. dedicated, 1869.
20	S	Canada Ed. and H. M. formed, 1827
21	S	Shortest day.
22	M	
23	Tu	Peace bet. Eng. and U. S., 1814.
24	W	
25	Th	*Christmas day.*
26	F	
27	S	[fraxa new Ch. ded., 1868.
28	S	Post Office established, 1560—Gara-
29	M	Algernon Wells died, 1850—Indian
30	Tu	[Ch. Saugeen, ded., 1872.
31	W	

JANUARY, 1874—31 DAYS.

1	Th	Disestablishment Irish Ch., 1871.
2	F	Northern Church, Toronto, formed,
3	S	[1868.
4	S	*Week of Prayer begins.*
5	M	
6	Tu	Diet at Worms, 1510.
7	W	Watford Church dedicated, 1870.
8	Th	
9	F	
10	S	Penny Post in England, 1840.
11	S	[Northern Ch., Toronto, ded., 1868.
12	M	Sir C. Bagot, Gov.-General, 1842—
13	Tu	
14	W	Hampton Court Conf. begun, 1604.
15	Th	Guelph new Church ded., 1868.
16	F	Douglas Church dedicated, 1870.
17	S	Rev. B. W. Day ord., 1862, Turn-
18	S	[berry.
19	M	First English Parliament, 1256.
20	Tu	U. S. Indep. acknowledged, 1783.
21	W	
22	Th	
23	F	
24	S	[1836—Sunday Schools estab. 1784.
25	S	Sir F. B. Head, Lieut.-Gov. U. C.,
26	M	Canada P. O. Money Order, 1855.
27	Tu	Ospringe Church dedicated, 1861.
28	W	Henry VIII. died, 1547.
29	Th	George III. died, 1820.
30	F	King Charles I. beheaded, 1641.
31	S	Warwick new Church ded., 1869.

FEBRUARY, 1874—28 DAYS.

1	S	
2	M	
3	Tu	Spanish Inquisition abolished, 1813.
4	W	Roger, 1st Mart. under Mary, burnt,
5	Th	Dr. J. Pye Smith died, 1851. [1555.
6	F	Rev. W. Clarke's "Golden Wed-
7	S	[ding," 1873.
8	S	Rev. D. Dyer died, 1870—Mary, Q.
9	M	[of Scots., beheaded, 1587.
10	Tu	*Western Assoc. meets, Paris.*
11	W	Lord Sydenham, Gov. Gen., 1840.
12	Th	
13	F	Rev. J. Brown ord., 1862.
14	S	Charles II., Indulgence, 1672, de-
15	S	[clared illegal.
16	M	
17	Tu	
18	W	Canada settled by French, 1534.
19	Th	Rev. T. Pullar died, 1873. [1823
20	F	Tythes abolished in Upper Canada,
21	S	The 92 Resolutions pas'd, Parl. of L.
22	S	Rev. C. Pedley died, 1872 [C., 1834
23	M	Louis Philippe abdicated, 1848.
24	Tu	Revolution in Paris, 1848.
25	W	
26	Th	Napoleon escaped from Elba.
27	F	
28	S	Vankleekhill Ch. formed, 1864.

MARCH, 1874—31 DAYS.

1	S	[died, 1791.
2	M	John Robinson died, 1625—Wesley
3	Tu	[wold.
4	W	Rev. J. M. Smith ord., 1863, South-
5	Th	James I. enforces Uniformity,
6	F	Rev. R. Miles died, 1855. [1603–4.
7	S	B. & F. Bible Society estab., 1804.
8	S	
9	M	Americus Vespucius born, 1451.
10	Tu	Prince of Wales married, 1863.
11	W	Cong. Ch., Ottawa, formed, 1860.
12	Th	Kingston new Church ded., 1865.
13	F	Liverpool, N.S., new Church ded.,
14	S	[1870.
15	S	R. Charter to Univ. of Toronto, 1827.
16	M	Recip'y Treaty rat'd, E. & U.S. '55.
17	Tu	New Church, Manilla, ded., 1861—
18	W	[Church formed Halifax, 1869.
19	Th	
20	F	
21	S	
22	S	Massawippi Church ded., 1862.
23	M	Sir G. Arthur, Lieut.-Gov., U.C.,
24	Tu	Queen Elizabeth died, 1603. [1838.
25	W	
26	Th	
27	F	Rev. J. L. Poore died, 1867.
28	S	Canada ceded to France, 1632.
29	S	Test Act passed, 1673.
30	M	Lord Metcalfe, Gov.-Gen., 1843.
31	Tu	

APRIL, 1874—30 DAYS.

1	W	
2	Th	John Howe died, 1705.
3	F	
4	S	[Raikes died, 1811.
5	S	Canada discovered, 1499—Robert
6	M	Rev. D. Dunkerley died, 1873.
7	Tu	
8	W	Hudson's Bay Co. formed, 1692.
9	Th	Episcopacy and Liturgy abol., 1641.
10	F	Clergy Reserve Bill passed, 1853—
11	S	[Zion Ch. reopened, Mont., 1868.
12	S	Bombard't of Fort Sumpter, 1861—
13	M	[Catholic Emanci'n, Eng., 1829.
14	Tu	Abraham Lincoln assassina'd, 1865.
15	W	Savoy Conference, 1661.
16	Th	Rev. Hiram Wilson died, 1864.
17	F	
18	S	First Newspaper in America, 1704.
19	S	Bond St. Ch., Toronto, formed, 1849
20	M	Long Parliament diss. by Cromwell,
21	Tu	[1653.
22	W	
23	Th	
24	F	Earl Cathcart, Gov. Gen., 1824.
25	S	
26	S	[1813.
27	M	Toronto captured—Battle of York,
28	Tu	Test Act repealed, 1828.
29	W	
30	Th	Puritans forbidden to emigrate, 1637

MAY, 1874—31 DAYS.

1	F	[Sheffield, N. B.
2	S	Rev. W. Williams ordained 1871.
3	S	Jamaica discovered, 1494.
4	M	[Fergus Church formed, 1869.
5	Tu	"Book of Sports" burnt, 1643—
6	W	Rev. D. D. Nighswander ord., '73.
7	Th	Eliz'h put down relig. exer. 1577.
8	F	Cong. Union, Eng., formed, 1832—
9	S	[Rev. J. Gray ord., 1863, Chebogue
10	S	Rev. C. Chapman installed, Mon-
11	M	[treal, 1871.
12	Tu	Puritans sailed for Massachusetts,
13	W	Col. Mis. Soc. estab., 1836. [1629.
14	Th	
15	F	
16	S	
17	S	
18	M	Montreal founded, 1642.
19	Tu	Act of Uniformity, royal assent,
20	W	Columbus died, 1506. [1662.
21	Th	Confed. B. N. A. proclaimed, 1867.
22	F	Solemn League & Covenant burnt,
23	S	[1661.
24	S	Queen Victoria born, 1819. [1615.
25	M	First R.C. Priests settle in Canada,
26	Tu	Rev. R. W. Wallace ord., 1872,
27	W	Calvin died, 1564. [London.
28	Th	Penry martyred, 1593.
29	F	Rev. J. R. Kean ord., 1862, Corn-
30	S	[wallis.
31	S	Dr. Chalmers died, 1847.

JUNE, 1874—30 DAYS.

1	M	Kelvin Ch. dedicated, 1862.
2	Tu	Fenian Skirmish, Ridgeway, 1866.
3	W	
4	Th	
5	F	
6	S	Gavazzi Riots, Quebec, 1853.
7	S	Reform Bill passed, 1832.
8	M	Dr. G. Smith and Rev. J. L. Poore
9	Tu	[Union Meeting, Toronto, 1865.
10	W	*Union O. and Q. meets at Toronto.*
11	Th	Rev. J. Griffith ord. '73, Cob'g. [1859.
12	F	New Cong. Ch., Hamilton, ded.,
13	S	Rev. D. Murdoch, D.D., died, 1861.
14	S	Nat. Cong. Council, Boston, 1865.
15	M	[Vankleek Hill.
16	Tu	Rev. W. M. Peacock ord, 1869,
17	W	Wesley born, 1703.
18	Th	Owen Sound new Ch. ded., 1871.
19	F	
20	S	Accession of Q. Vict., 1837. [1764.
21	S	Que. Gaz., first newsp. pub. in Can.,
22	M	Dissent. adm. to Oxford Un., 1859.
23	Tu	
24	W	Newfoundland disc. by Cabot, 1497
25	Th	Schism Bill, 1714.
26	F	Rev. E. D. Silcox ord. 1873, Oro.
27	S	Cong. Ch. Meaford, formed, 1860.
28	S	Coronation of Queen Victoria, 1838.
29	M	
30	Tu	Conventicle Act, 1663.

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THE ANNUAL MEETINGS OF 1873.

The annual meetings of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, and other Societies, held in Brantford, on June 5th, 1873, and following days, were characterized by unusual interest and effectiveness.

The numbers in attendance were large ; the hospitality of the friends abounded ; a good key-note was struck by the opening sermon, and a fine spirit pervaded all the sessions of the body.

Of the papers presented, special mention is due to the Chairman's Address, and the Essay of Rev. B. W. Day.

The Reports were generally encouraging in their tone, and breathed aspirations after higher things.

The action taken embraced such important steps as these :—(1.) The inauguration of an Endowment Fund for the Theological Chair of the Congregational College, first set at $20,000, and then raised to $40,000. (2.) The full sanction of the Pastors' Retiring Fund plan, and its incorporation with the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, under the new name of "The Congregational Provident Fund Society." (3.) The setting apart of Rev. Robert Robinson to the Indian Missionary work. (4.) The measures taken to prevent the introduction of untaught persons into the ministry, (see proceedings of Union and Missionary Society). (5.) The final acceptance of the new Trust Deed ; and (6.) The adoption of the proposal to publish a "Canadian Congregational Year Book."

Strong utterance was given to the value of our distinctive principles, and the resolve was doubtless strengthened, faithfully to maintain them.

May the next meeting in Toronto, June 10, 1874, worthily follow up that of Brantford !

The Union of N. S. and N. B. also had a prosperous session at Yarmouth, as appears by the report unexpectedly presented here.

OUR DENOMINATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

The several organizations connected with our churches, and whose reports are found in the following pages, need to have their objects, rules and methods carefully distinguished from each other, by those who would intelligently and effectively promote these interests of common concern. A few words concerning each

may aid such understanding. The history of these institutions we do not attempt to give here. That task is partly undertaken in other portions of this volume, and will be carried forward in succeeding years. Our object here is simply to set them forth, *as they now exist, and are working.*

The Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec.

This is a voluntary association of churches and ministers, each member being received separately, on application, and on complying with the requirements of the standing rules. It is not necessary to the "good and regular standing" of a minister or a church, to be connected with the Union, but it is advantageous to either.

The Union cannot exercise authority over the churches or ministers connected with it, still less, on those outside. Its power is simply *advisory*, and that not in relation to the internal affairs of any church, but in matters of general concern to all the churches. The only cases in which it seems to exercise anything like "discipline," are those in which it decides—like all voluntary associations, the world over, for any purpose—who shall be received and retained in *its own membership.* In no other relation can it touch any man's position.

The Union meeting furnishes a most enjoyable, helpful, and quite indispensable opportunity for the scattered ministers and delegates to meet together and have Christian fellowship. It enables us, by the collection of statistics, and written or verbal narratives, to "know our brethren's affairs, and how they do." It gives facilities for taking counsel together on our general movements. These isolated churches would—many of them—die, without such an arrangement.

The Union has very largely "thought for" the body in respect to its public wants and measures. It has given voice to the general sentiment on great public questions. It has been a channel of intercommunication with Christian brethren elsewhere. It has devised plans for conducting the several movements required by the churches, and has frequently set up these its children, after a period of training, on their own account, in independent households. The Missionary Societies, College, Provident Fund, and Magazine, are all children of the Union.

The Canada Congregational Missionary Society.

This Society has a constitution designedly wide enough to undertake every kind of mission work, but practically, it confines itself to "home" missions, that is, to aiding our own weaker churches in sustaining their pastors.

It is "in connection with the Colonial Missionary Society" of London, England, the foster-mother of Congregationalism in the British dependencies. But that society is gradually withdrawing its grant, now £400 (= $2.000) a year, but diminishing by £50 ($200) annually, so that ere long the Canadian churches will be left to their own resources.

All subscribers to the funds are members. The members meet annually, at the

same time and place as the Union (of O. and Q.), and choose a General Secretary-Treasurer, a Home Secretary, and a General Committee of Fifteen, who there and then make most of the grants for the ensuing year ; gives directions to the several District Committees, and lays plans for all the work of the Mission. The Annual Meeting also appoints the said District Committees—three for Ontario, one for Quebec, and one for N.S. and N.B., who have more special charge of missionary affairs within their own bounds. Funds are raised from all the churches for the Society, with the assistance of deputations, holding meetings in every place.

This Society is the very right arm of power of the Congregational churches in Canada. But for it, most of them had never been, or would have ceased to be.

The Congregational College of B. N. A.

This Institution exists for the training of young men for the ministry among our churches in Canada. Its seat is in Montreal, where it is provided with a lecture-room in Zion Church, the students boarding in private families. Its management is committed to a Board chosen by the subscribers in annual meeting assembled. The subscribers are incorporated by law. For literary instruction, the students attend McGill College, with which the Congregational College is duly "affiliated." The full course is five years ; the Theological course, three years. The College is sustained partly by grants from the Colonial Missionary Society, and partly by contributions in Canada. An effort is now being made to raise an endowment of $40,000 for the Chair of Theology.

The Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

This body fulfils, within its territory, all the purposes of the Union of O. and Q., and at the same time constitutes the Missionary Society of the churches of the Maritime Provinces. It has permanent funds invested, and is a legal Corporation.

The Congregational Provident Fund Society.

The special cares of this organization are the Widows and Orphans of deceased Ministers, and Aged Ministers themselves, no longer able to labour. It has a considerable capital for the first object, but needs $2,000 at least before it can do anything for the second. This is one of the urgent denominational needs of the year.

The Canada Congregational Indian Missionary Society.

The Indian Mission was at first conducted as a branch of our general Missionary Society. Objection arose in England to this, as long as our Missions were connected with the Colonial Missionary Society, whose constitution restricts its labours to "Europeans and their descendants." Hence, this separate organization. It has now one white missionary, one lady teacher, and several native evangelists.

"The Canadian Independent."

This periodical, founded in 1854, without being an official "organ," is the recognised channel of communication between the Congregationalists of the Dominion. It is a Monthly, of 32 pages octavo ; edited by Rev. S. N. Jackson, M.D.; price one dollar a year. It is published in Toronto, by a body of proprietors, constituting a Company. This "Year-Book" is also issued from their office.

The District Associations.

For all information respecting these, we refer to the following pages 25–34.

CONGREGATIONALISM IN CANADA.

One object of the publication of this Year Book is to place on record, in a permanent form, for future reference, the chief facts in relation to the history of the Congregational Churches in Canada. Materials exist to a considerable extent, for this purpose, scattered through various reports and numbers of the *Canadian Independent*. But these are not now within the reach of many of our friends, nor have they been collected together. We propose, therefore, to put them into a connected form, with such additions as we may be able to supply, in order to fill up any gaps in the story.

The first paper we thus reproduce is from the pen of Dr. Wilkes, and appeared in the *Canadian Independent* for June and August, 1867 (vol. xiii., pp. 478–481 ; vol. xiv., pp. 75–79). It is entitled—

"ORIGIN OF THE COLONIAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY."

How often it occurs, in the Divine administration of human affairs, that the very thing which men think least of amid any series of acts of theirs, turns out vastly the most important ! This is illustrated in the visit to this continent, in 1834, of the Revs. Andrew Reed and James Matheson, who were expressly commissioned by the Congregational Union of England and Wales as their Deputation to the American Churches, without any thought whatever of Canada. One can imagine the sort of awe and sober enthusiasm with which, at some meeting of committee in London, these brethren were appointed to this mission, and they accepted it ; or perhaps there was some discussion on the matter at the autumnal meeting, if there was one, of the Congregational Union of England and Wales in 1833. There are no dates given in the volume before me ;* but as they *sailed* from Liverpool (no steamships then), and found the Third Presbytery sitting in New York, whose time of sitting is early in April, it is plain that they could not have come from the May meeting Their thoughts in undertaking the mission, and the purposes of the Union which commissioned them, were confined to the United States—yea, and of their two goodly octavo volumes of one thousand pages, all but seventy are devoted to the United States. Yet the results of what is described in said seventy pages incalculably outweigh all else that was accom-

* Reed and Matheson's Visit to the American Churches, 2 vols., 8 vo.

plished by their voyages and journeyings. Pleasant, and doubtless profitable, was their intercourse with ministers and churches, but no very marked effect was produced on either party. Such intercommunion is good to be cherished, but it were vain to expect great results from it in the special relative circumstances of the two countries. On the other hand, the visit to Canada was pregnant with results which have already done much in moulding our young national life, and which will not cease to affect us mightily throughout the future.

The following is the introduction to their report respecting Canada :

"When we left England, it was not our intention to visit the British Colonies. The mission that we had to accomplish in the United States has already come before the reader. The claims made upon us were exceedingly numerous, and the time allotted to the discharge of our duties was so limited that it was hardly possible to add to the services which we had already undertaken, without lengthening our visit to America, and putting ourselves to considerable inconvenience. Two deputations,† however, from the Canadas visited us at New York in May. They expressed their strong desire that, before we left the United States, we should visit them, and obtain in the Colonies themselves information respecting their present religious condition. They also stated their conviction that the present circumstances of the two Provinces had produced a crisis in their religious affairs, and required, on that account, especial attention from the friends of religion in England. In addition to the urgent requests of the brethren who called on us, they brought with them communications from ministers, missionaries, members of the churches and others, pressing us to visit Canada. All that we could do at that time was, to attend to their requests, if in our power.

"The object proposed by such a visit we viewed as most important. We felt for our countrymen, and wished, if possible, to do them good. We had frequently heard, from unquestionable authority, of the religious destitution of the Colonies. We were within a few hundred miles of them, and might by personal inquiry obtain information; and by conveying this to Christians in England, perhaps furnish additional reasons for attending to their pressing necessities. These claims, united with others, we could not resist. Accordingly, by postponing to the autumn some previously-formed arrangements, and lengthening our visit by two or three weeks, we succeeded in devoting to the Canadas the greater part of the month of June. It was, of course, impracticable for us to see much of the interior or newly-settled districts ; but we decided on visiting some of the principal towns, for the purpose of meeting with ministers and missionaries who preached in the interior, in order to obtain from them statistical and other information likely to guide us in our estimate of the religious condition of the Provinces. To secure this important aid, we forwarded letters to Montreal and Toronto, before we left New England, requesting our friends in those places to bring together as many of those laborious men who were engaged in the newly-settled districts as could be conveniently assembled.

"We visited Quebec, Montreal, Brockville, Kingston and Toronto. In all these places we met with ministers and others ; and having no other object in view but to ascertain the truth, we were ready to receive information from every quarter where it was likely to be found. Everywhere we were received with Christian kindness and frank hospitality. The friends who had invited us received us gladly. Various circumstances which have since transpired have led us to believe that we were providentially directed as to the time of our visit ; and that, while we were put in possession of many facts relative to the Canadas, we in some measure gratified our Christian friends, who were glad to see two brethren from the land of their fathers. We rejoiced also in having had the opportunity of meeting with so many Christians of different denominations, who appeared desirous of promoting the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom in the two Provinces, of consulting with them freely and fully, as to the best methods of supplying the

† One from Montreal and one from Toronto ; at least such is my impression. Miles, Smith and Freeland were doubtless among the names.—H. W.

numerous districts of the country, still destitute of the preaching of the gospel, with the means of grace. We now proceed to arrange the information which we received, and to state the conclusion to which it has brought us."

In 1867, the year of Confederation, we are struck with the statistics given of us thirty-three years ago—a single generation—and become impressed with our great and rapid progress. The population of Lower Canada is estimated at 600,000, of whom 140,000 are Protestants ; of Upper Canada 320,000, with but few Roman Catholics. In the former Province 150 priests are given, and 68 Protestant ministers, of whom only 4 were Congregationalists. In the latter 160 ministers are given for 320,000, of whom 6 were Congregationalists. The appeal to the churches of England contained in their report is very solemn and urgent. They reason the matter most cogently and fervently, insisting upon prompt and liberal action.

In describing the kind of men wanted, they say, "They must not go to Canada because they cannot succeed at home, but because there is a wider field before them there, and a greater call for exertion. They must be men of ardent piety, warm-hearted zeal, of physical energy, and of persevering habits. Our best men should go : if not those of most popular talents, yet with well-furnished minds—men of discretion as well as zeal. We repeat it again ; it is not so much the *number* as the *character* of the ministers sent to Canada, that is important." * * * "With regard to those who are sent out by the aid of Christians in this country, it should be understood, that, while at first the expenses of sending out and supporting such missionaries should be defrayed by them, this aid is to be furnished only for a time. When congregations are collected, and churches are organized, the assistance should be gradually withdrawn, as their people become able to assist. The amount so saved to be expended in sending out additional missionaries." These extracts unfold the views of men who were at the foundation of Colonial Missionary Society movements, although that Society was not yet.

Drs. Reed and Matheson (for they had now received the honorary degree) lost no time, on their return to England, in bringing before their friends the wants of Canada. Their first effort was the London Missionary Society. It had, in the course of its history, once and again gone aside from strictly pagan fields of labour, as in the case of the Rev. Mark Wilks, whom and whose work, at an expense of about £1,000 per annum, it sustained in Paris and France. It had also incidentally, as noticed in some former sketches, made small grants in aid of sending out such brethren as Mr. Smart, for many years of Brockville, Mr. Purkis, and, if I mistake not, Mr. Bryning. Dr. Reed, therefore, laid it upon the conscience of the Directors of the London Missionary Society to engage in this Canadian work, and induced a grant of £1,000 towards the object. One or other or both these members of the Deputation to America then secured the services of the late Mr. Hayden, and of our friend and Brother Dyer, now of Albany, defraying their expenses to the field, and, if I mistake not, supporting them upon it for one year. The writer of these notes was not privy to these undertakings ; but early in 1835 he received from Dr. Reed an earnest request to visit London, in order to confer with the Directors of the Society in relation to the Canadian work. Promptly acceding to this request, and making his way from Edinburgh to London (no railway then, be it remembered), he well remembers meeting at the Mission House in Austin Friars with a large body of the Directors, and soon perceived that there existed a decided and strong difference of opinion among them as to the propriety of engaging in this special form of work. On the one hand, it was urged that the Society was formed to evangelize heathen nations, and that if it did anything for British Colonies, it was for the pagan inhabitants thereof. On the other hand, it was contended that it was very undesirable to multiply missionary societies, because of expenses of management, and the distraction of the public attention by numerous claimants ; that in India and the West Indies the missionaries of the Society preached to congregations of Europeans as well as natives ; and that Mr. Wilks had long been sustained in France, which was not a pagan nation. It was urged somewhat that aid to the English-speaking people of the Colonies would

not be required for a long period, and that even as an exceptianal measure the Society might for a time take up the field. It was natural that at this point the visitor from Edinburgh should be appealed to, as having knowledge of Canada. His report of the case turned the scale. It was in substance thus : "Gentlemen, on the question whether it is or is not the province of this Society to send faithful missionaries to your own countrymen in Canada, I have no remarks to make; your judgment on that point is far better than mine. But if you enter upon or continue the work with the idea that it can be accomplished by voting £1,000 to send out several missionaries to support them for a year, leaving them after that year to be sustained by such congregations as they may gather, you will do as much good as the preaching of the Gospel for a year by a faithful man anywhere may be expected to accomplish by God's blessing ; but as to any permanent influence in the evangelizing of Canada, your £1,000 may as well be cast into the Atlantic. If the work has to be done, it must be nourished for much longer than a year."

It is not affirmed that decision on the point was arrived at on the spot, for I do not recollect. But the persevering Dr. Reed, during 1835, brought matters to an issue, and towards its close informed the writer of consultations and negotiations with Mr. Binney and others deeply interested in the Australian Colonies, and with the Congregational Union of England and Wales. At length the question came from London, "If we form the Colonial Missionary Society, will you leave Edinburgh, and go out, its Agent and Pioneer ?" About the same time there came a letter from the church at Montreal, asking the Edinburgh pastor to go there, and if not, to endeavour to procure a suitable minister ; as the Rev. Richard Miles, wishing to extend the good work into "the regions beyond," had resigned his charge in Montreal, in order that he might labour at Abbotsford and neighbourhood, and might also be more at liberty to go hither and thither preaching the Gospel. If this paper were not already too long, I would place among these notes the record of my high estimate of my late beloved friend, the Rev. Richard Miles. Truly he loved Zion ; and was ready for toil and sacrifice on her behalf, and he dearly loved our section of the holy catholic church. Our principles, as those of the New Testament, were dear to him. He thought much and prayed for us. He was as wise as a counsellor, and loving as a friend. But having brought the matter to the verge of the formation of the Colonial Missionary Society, I must have done for the present ; simply saying, with reference to the London Missionary Society, that the policy has ever since prevailed of confining its expenditure to the direct work of evangelizing the heathen. In cases where the missionaries preach to Europeans, it will be found that such portion of their hearers contribute to the Society or directly to the station, considerably more than is expended on their account.

At the "May meetings," 1836, the Colonial Missions were organized, as a committee of the Congregational Union of England and Wales. In after years the nature of the connexion was greatly modified. And at the time when so modified, the name was altered to "The Colonial Missionary Society." Immediately on its organization, the writer was publicly designated at the Weigh House Chapel, Fish Street Hill (Mr. Binney's), by solemn religious services, to the work which he went forth to accomplish, and which, through the good hand of God upon him, he has been enabled under various forms of action, to prosecute until this day. It so happened that at the time "The Congregational Hymn Book" was in the press, and as there was no hymn in it precisely applicable to Colonial Missions, Mr. Binney was asked to write one for the Designation service, which might be inserted in the new hymnal. He excused himself, and the late Josiah Conder, who was editing the book, was asked to perform this service. He wrote the hymn No. 905 in the new book, commencing with the following verse, which was sung for the first time at said Designation service :—

"Churches of Christ, by God's right hand
Thick planted on this favoured land,
If to your heart His word be dear,

O think of those who pine to hear,
Far from their native shores exiled,
A pastor's voice amid the wild."

One sentence of an earnest address to the writer, made on the occasion by the late Rev. Geo. Collison, is present to memory : "Go brother, and if we stand not by you in your future work, call us recreant !" Most of the men in whose name he spake these words, have, with himself, gone home to their reward ; but while they lived they were not recreant ; neither have they been who survive, Binney and James among them ; nor have their successors been. I do not mention the names of laymen who have also continued throughout most faithful ; unless it be the names of the two Treasurers who have never ceased their interest and aid in our work. J. Remington Mills, M. P., was the first Treasurer ; and when I saw him, five years since, in London, I found him a regular reader of "*The Canadian Independent*," and as much interested as ever in our progress. His successor, James Spicer, the present Treasurer, spends no little time and thought upon us and our work, and "ever sheweth all good fidelity."

The days of intercourse with beloved fathers and brethren came to an end, and the western pioneer set forth with his family by way of Liverpool and New York, to his future home.

It is only needful to say further, that £50 was placed at my disposal with which to assist promptly any brother in the ministry whom I might find in embarrassed circumstances. A passage of forty-nine days to New York, sufficiently indicates the lapse of time before any reply to communications sent from this side could be received. Hence £10 or £15 might be very necessary to the comfort of a family, before any reply to an appeal on their behalf, could find its way.

Early in August the agent of the new Society reached Montreal, and without taking the pastoral charge of the church at that time proceeded westward as a visitor and explorer. Brockville, Kingston, Toronto, Brantford, Guelph, London and other places were visited : plans were formed : somewhat voluminous reports were sent to England containing recommendations : on the way down the new church building at Cobourg was "opened" or "dedicated :" and on the first Sunday in October the pastoral charge at Montreal was assumed; but there was no formal induction or recognition service, or any of those sacred and heart stirring solemnities to which we are accustomed.

THE CANADA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The next paper in this series is also from the pen of Dr. Wilkes, and is contained in the first report (1855) of our Missionary Society, as now organised. It contains a very succinct account of the origin and relations of that Society :

The primary movement of a Missionary character in Canada, connected with the body to which we belong, was made on a catholic basis. Independents, Presbyterians, and Baptists practically uniting in it. In the year 1826, the Canada Education and Home Mission Society was formed in Montreal; its Directors consisting of members of the above mentioned three denominations. Under its auspices as connected with our body, the Rev. A. J. Parker was introduced to Shipton as the first Missionary of the Society—the church at Granby was originated—also the church at Eaton, and Pastors obtained for them.

Mr. Wilkes, one of its Directors, being at the time in the Mother Country, the Rev. John Smith, A. M., was engaged by him to train young men for the Ministry, and many valuable books forming the basis of the Library of our Theological Institute were collected. At the same time, and by the same agency the Rev. Richard Miles was induced to come to Canada, at his own expense, by whom

the church now assembling in Zion Church, Montreal, was organized, he becoming its first Pastor. Mr. Parker entered the country in 1829, at which date there were only two or three churches of our denomination in the whole of Canada. Messrs. Miles and Smith landed in 1831: the number then was not much larger, being only four or five.

In the year 1836, the Colonial Missionary Society was formed in connection with the Congregational Union of England and Wales; and as its first act requested the Rev. H. Wilkes, A.M., then of Edinburgh, Scotland, to return to Canada as the Pioneer Missionary and Agent of the Society. He was at the same time called to the pastoral oversight of the church in Montreal; the Rev. R. Miles having gone forth as a Missionary into a rural district. At that period there were two or three additional brethren in the field who had been sent over by the London Missionary Society, or who had come out through other instrumentalities; viz.: Rev. A. Lillie, Brantford; Rev. T. Baker, Kingston; Rev. D. Dyer, Hamilton; Rev. W. Hayden, Cobourg. In the spring of 1837, the Rev. J. Roaf was requested by the C. M. S., to leave his important charge in England and to proceed to Toronto, where the nucleus of a Church already existed, that he might take charge of that church as its Pastor, and act as the Society's agent in Canada West, that is, west of Kingston;—the country eastward of that point being assigned to the agency of Mr. Wilkes. Thenceforward until the year 1851, the operations of the Colonial Missionary Society in Canada were conducted through these two agencies, one having its centre in Toronto, and the other in Montreal. In that year Mr. Roaf resigned his agency, and a committee acted in his stead.

It now remains to be mentioned that our churches in both sections of the Province early sought to do something for the extension of the cause of the land by means of Home Missions; though most of them were themselves aided by Missionary funds. In the Eastern section of the general field, they acted through the Canada Education and Home Missionary Society, until, in the year 1846, a distinctively Congregational Missionary Society was formed. The Western Churches formed their Congregational Missionary Society in 1840. The doings of these Societies have been reported annually and their reports published.

Such is a brief notice of pre-existing arrangements, in lieu of which this Society now exists.

As misapprehensions may possibly exist among some of the friends of Congregational Missions in Canada, as to the precise nature of the relations which this Society sustains, the following explanatory statements are made:—

As to the connection of this Society with the Colonial Missionary Society, it is to be understood that it is rather a relation of co-ordinate bodies than that of an auxiliary to a parent. As now reported the amount expended by the Society has been £1,367 9s. 8d., of which £757 5s. 2d., was contributed by the Colonial Missionary Society. This is a large portion, and lays a claim for decided interference and veto. At the same time it is well known that their object is not to establish and maintain a series of dependent Missionary Stations, but rather to help the Colonial Churches to fulfil their appropriate work of expansion to meet the wants of the country. Hence, they are willing that we should originate every movement and carry into execution those plans which we may devise, provide we do not draw upon their funds without their consent. That all may work in harmony, it is agreed that the entire list of appropriations made by the Committee of this Society shall be sent to London immediately after the Annual Meeting of the Union, for examination, and, if need be, revision, which will allow three months to elapse before any *action* on the appropriations will be required.

2. As to the connection of this Society with the Congregational Union of Canada, it is to be understood that although its Committee are chosen by the Union, and its reports are laid before that body, yet association with it is not necessary to participation in its work and advantages. Churches and Ministers may appropriately aid and be aided by the Society, supposing them Congregational Churches and Ministers, though for reasons satisfactory to them, they are not members of the Union. The design is to secure unimpeded action on the part of

the Missionary Society, in connection with the advantage of counsel, co-operation, and review supplied by the annual conference of the Pastors and Churches in Congregational Union assembled.

3. According to arrangements under which the Society is acting, the Local District Committees are organizations of great importance, having in fact the chief responsibility in working out the objects of the Society in their respective localities, including the collection of funds. Every matter coming up between the Annual Meetings of the Union is referable to them; with them rests entirely the visitation of the Churches for the purpose of raising funds; and on their efficiency must necessarily depend to great extent the prosperity of the Society.

[Since this was written, the Colonial Missionary Society, in 1865, agreed to grant a "lump sum" for the work in Canada, to be distributed by the Committee here at its discretion; and the Missionary Society has been separated from the Union.—Ed. Y. B.]

THE CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

The following outline of the history of the College for the first twenty-five years of its existence, is taken from the Annual Report for 1864, issued immediately previous to the removal of the institution to Montreal. It was prepared by the then Secretary, Rev. F. H. Marling :—

The pioneers of Congregational Missions in Upper Canada had not been labouring long, before the necessity became evident of providing a supply of ministers within the Colony itself. There was need of more Missionaries on the field than could be obtained from Britain or the United States. At the same time, the blessing of God on the labours of the Missionaries, produced here the same fruits as elsewhere, viz., young men offering themselves for the "good work." And it was reasonable to expect that Ministers identified with the country, and familiar with all its circumstances, would have some special adaptations for the work of the Gospel within its bounds.

The Rev. Adam Lillie, one of the fathers and founders of Congregationalism in Canada, being in the year 1838 pastor of the Church in Brantford, Mr. Ludwick Kribs, who is to this day performing Missionary service in one of our newest settlements, was placed under his instructions by the Colonial Missionary Society, upon the recommendation of the late Rev. J. Roaf, Agent of the Society in Upper Canada. Some interruption occurred, but early in 1839, Mr. Lillie having removed to Dundas, Mr. Kribs resumed his studies, and Messrs. King, McGlashan, Finton, and Ebbs coming at the same time, made up our first class of theological students. From the latter date, therefore, we reckon the commencement of the institution. In May, 1840, Mr. Lillie removed to Toronto, at the request of his brethren, having been released from a pastoral charge, to devote himself entirely to theological teaching. On the 1st of September following, the institution was formally opened in that city, addresses being delivered by the Tutor and Rev. W. P. Wastell, on 'Ministerial Education,' and 'The Characteristics required in the Ministry.'

The progress of our school of the prophets, from that time onward, can be understood better by referring to the changes that have taken place in its various arrangements, than by a miscellaneous statement given in the order of time. Having sketched its *origin*, we will next describe the development of its *constitution*.

The original name borne by it, was, 'The Congregational Academy,' and it was under the joint management of the Colonial Missionary Society and the Congregational Union of Canada West, the latter body annually appointing a 'Sub-Committee for the Academy.' At first, no formal constitution was thought

needful ; but a scheme was drawn up, on the removal to Toronto, embracing the course of study with a few rules for the regulation of procedure. In 1846, a regular constitution was adopted, and the name changed to 'The Canadian Congregational Theological Institute.' That the changes then taking place may be fully understood, it will be necessary to give some account of a preceding correspondence with brethren in Canada East. In 1841, at the third Annual Meeting of the Congregational Union of that Province, embracing also that part of Upper Canada lying east of Kingston, the question was mooted, of establishing a Theological Institute in connection therewith. The nucleus of a Library (150 volumes) collected in Britain by Rev. H. Wilkes and Rev. J. Smith (now of Troy, N.Y.) for a similar purpose, in 1831, was offered by the former for this object. At the next meeting, in 1842, on the Report of a Committee, the Union resolved to establish a 'Congregational Institute of Eastern Canada' at Montreal, embracing the two objects of a superior education on Christian principles, and of training suitable young men for the ministry. Committees of management were appointed, and Rev. Messrs. Carruthers (now of Portland, Maine,) and Wilkes were chosen Professors. Examiners were annually appointed by the Union, in whose hands the control of the institution remained. In 1844, the late Rev. R. Miles was appointed Resident Tutor. At the Union meeting of 1845, the Secular Committee reported, calling for funds. The difficulties in which the institution was placed, came up for consideration. The Professors resigned their chairs, receiving the thanks of the body. Thereupon, negociations were opened with the Sub-Committee for the Academy of the Union of Canada West, for a junction of the two institutions. The latter body acceded to the proposal. While the details were under discussion, three students of the Montreal Institute came to Toronto for the current session. Three others had finished their course, and one had left on account of ill-health. In 1846, the constitution prepared by the Committee in Toronto, was accepted by the two Unions, with the concurrence of the Colonial Missionary Society. It embraced the important change of the transfer of the government of the Institute from the Union of Canada West, to the subscribers. An Annual Report of the proceedings was, however, ordered to be forwarded to each of the Unions, and to the Colonial Missionary Society, and for several years afterwards a Committee of the Western Union was annually appointed to make a visitation of the Institute. In 1860, another change of the constitution was made. The Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick having begun to look to Canada for a supply of ministers, and Gorham College, at Liverpool, N.S., having been closed, the name was changed for that of 'The Congregational College of British North America,' and other alterations made, pertaining chiefly to the course of study, and to the better arrangement of the several Articles and By-Laws.

The course of study, of which we have now to speak, was at first of only three years' duration, the sessions being of nine months each. In 1844, it was extended to four years, with sessions of the same length. No change was made by the constitution of 1846. But in 1860, the sessions were reduced to six months each, and increased in number to five. In 1862, it was proposed by the Board to divide this course into two parts ; the literary, of two sessions, and the theological, of three. The proposition was not then acted upon. In 1863, it was approved, in so far as the theological course was concerned, to go into operation this year, the arrangements for the literary course being reserved for further consideration at this meeting, upon a Report of the Provisional Board. The *standard of admission* in 1846, probably the same as that adopted at the beginning, was 'A fair acquaintance with Arithmetic, English Grammar and Composition, Geography and History.' In 1860, as a *minimum*, 'A fair English Education.' In 1863, it was determined, that 'Candidates who are graduates of any University, or who can satisfy the Board of their being otherwise possessed of sufficient acquirements, may be at once admitted to the theological course.' The standard for the literary course is now to be determined. There has been, throughout the whole period, a gradual enlargement of the course, by the addition of new sub-

jects, and the fuller treatment of those already taken. But these changes cannot be explained without an excess of detail.

From the formation of the institution, the students have been employed in preaching, where suitable openings have been found. At first, much missionary work was done in that city and the country during the session. Vacancies in the pulpits of the neighbourhood have been supplied. And the vacations have been given to this work. Since the year 1859, the Canadian Congregational Missionary Society has conducted a systematic employment of the class, during the summer months.

We have now to refer to those who have taken part in the Teaching of the students. Here the first place belongs to the Rev. Adam Lillie, D.D., who, throughout the whole of the quarter of a century, has had so large a share of professorial labour. At first, he gave instruction in all the departments, in Classics, Mathematics, History, Rhetoric, Logic, Mental and Moral Philosophy, and the whole of the Theological subjects. Though relieved for some years of the former, in the latter three he has had no aid, save in Hebrew. Dr. Lillie's Christian worth, his varied acquirements, his affection for his students, and his devotion to the interests of the College, are too well known to require any eulogy of ours. May his life and labours be prolonged for many years! The Rev. A. Wickson, LL.D., himself an Alumnus of the College, after giving classical instruction during his theological course, was appointed Classical and Hebrew Tutor in 1850, and retained the office for twelve years, resigning it in 1862, when his health failed him. In the language of the Report for that year, 'The distinguished scholarship and truly Christian spirit of Dr. Wickson, have gained for him universal respect and confidence.' No other appointments have been made to the regular staff of the College. But occasional instruction has been given by advanced students, and by various teachers in special departments. For the last two years a sessional engagement has been made of a Classical Tutor. For Hebrew, and sometimes for some other branches, the students have attended University College. Under the new arrangement of the course, literary instruction will no doubt be much more largely received in the Public Colleges, by candidates for our theological course.

In the Officers of the College there have been but few changes. As Treasurer, the Rev. J. Roaf, to whose zeal and wisdom the establishment and maintenance of the institution are so largely due, served from 1840 to 1855; and Mr. Patrick Freeland, from 1855 to 1864. The Secretaries have been, Rev. T. Machin, from 1841 to 1845; Mr. Robert Beekman, from 1845 to 1848; Rev. E. Ebbs, from 1848 to 1850, and as Co-Secretary from 1854 to 1855, and from 1857 to 1858; Mr. Patrick Freeland, from 1850 to 1855; and Rev. F. H. Marling, from 1855 to 1864. The composition of the Board has varied from year to year.

With respect to Funds, the institution has throughout been under very deep obligations to the Colonial Missionary Society. The first step in commencing theological education amongst our Churches was taken by them, as is recorded above, in sending Mr. Kribs to receive instruction from Mr. Lillie. Their aid has been continued to the present day, and has been increased as our necessities have grown. Their contribution to our funds, at first proportionate to the number of students, has been fixed since 1853, at £310 stg. per annum. Besides these annual grants, two special donations have been made to meet pressing emergencies. In 1848, Dr. Lillie made a visit to the British Churches, to procure funds for a College Building and for the increase of the Library. The time was unfavourable, as it was a year of European Revolutions. But the proceeds of the tour amounted to nearly $1500, in addition to the travelling expenses. The Canadian Churches, as soon as the institution was opened, began to contribute for its support. The first subscription list now at hand, is that for the year ending July 1st, 1842. It shows a total of $826 50, of which $304 50 was given in Montreal, the rest in Upper Canada. This was a special effort, and was required in part for furnishing the building and providing a library. The next year's contributions, all from Upper Canada, were nearly $400. The subscription-lists from

1844 to 1859, are not within reach. From the latter year, to the present time, the Churches in all parts of Canada, are regularly found in the Reports as contributors; and from 1853 to 1855, and from 1859 onwards, those of the Lower Provinces also. The amounts thus received from the subscribers are as follows :— In 1850, $440; in 1851, $594; in 1852, $550; in 1853, $800; in 1854, $866; in 1855, $900; in 1856, $1300; in 1857, $984; in 1858, $1330; in 1859, $1086; in 1860, $1184; in 1861, $1341; in 1862, (a broken year, the time of closing the accounts being changed) $745; in 1863, $1046; and in 1864, $1039. At first, it was necessary that an Agent should visit most of Churches; but this is now the exception. In two successive years, 1858 and 1859, the session was shortened for want of funds. The College has never had any endowment. [The Report of 1858 stated that certain balances had been due to the College since 1855. Though these have not yet been realised, it is hoped that they may be at some future day.]

In connection with these financial statements, a few words may be said on the Buildings occupied by the institution. It should be premised, that for the first eight years, the 'domestic system' was in force, the students residing in the College Building, though without a resident tutor, and the housekeeping being under the charge of a matron. The system of connecting manual labour with study, was also adopted at first, partly with the view of assisting the students' private resources, and partly as a supposed means of cultivating a spirit of independence. But, being found to interfere with the primary objects contemplated, the plan was subsequently dropped. Since 1848, the students have lived in private lodgings, selected by themselves, but subject to the approbation of the Board, receiving a weekly allowance in aid of their expenses. From 1840 to 1846, the 'Academy' occupied a frame house on Yonge Street, between Wellesley and Maitland Streets. In 1846, the 'Institute' removed to George Street, but on the abandonment of the domestic system two years afterwards, a lecture room was rented on King Street, until, in 1850, an arrangement was made with Mr. J. Nasmith, for adding a second story to a building then being erected by him on Adelaide Street. The cost of this addition, nearly $1,000, was defrayed from Dr. Lillie's collections in England. The tenure on which the premises were held, was a lease for ten years, ground-rent free, after which time they were to revert to Mr. Nasmith, he paying to the College the sum of $200, on resuming possession. This arrangement was duly carried out. During these ten years, there was annually added to the Building Fund, from the regular income, a sum equal to one-tenth of the cost of the building, so that the whole might be replaced by the expiration of the lease. On the 1st January, 1860, the same premises were again leased from Mr. Nasmith, at a rental of $80 per annum, for three years and a half. In 1857, an effort was made to secure a lot and erect a building in Toronto, but the financial crisis of that year defeated the attempt.

Some account must be given of the growth of the College Library, now numbering over 2,500 volumes. Its nucleus was formed when the institution was opened, by special donations of books and money. A small annual appropriation has been made to it from the ordinary College Funds. When Dr. Lillie visited England, he received 430 volumes from various quarters, and expended for the library, over $180 of the money then collected by him. Valuable additions have since been made to it, chiefly by purchase, though several gifts have also been made. In 1846, the Library of the Eastern Institute was placed under our charge, subject to recall; and in 1861, the best portion of that of Gorham College, was received on the same conditions. At the latter date, Regulations were established for the management of the library, one of the students being annually chosen by the class to act as Librarian.

A few particulars concerning the students of the College may close these recollections of its history. There have been received, from the beginning, sixty-four candidates for the ministry. One (Mr. Charles Hewlett) died during his course. Four have withdrawn at different times. Five compose the present class. The number of those who have gone forth from it, (including those trained

in the Canada East Institute) is fifty-four, of whom four have died, leaving fifty still living. Of these, thirty are recognized Congregational ministers in some part of British North America ; one is a minister of another Canadian denomination ; three are exercising their ministry in other parts of the British dominions ; and four in the United States ; while the remaining twelve, from ill-health and other causes, have returned to secular pursuits, more or less completely. That at the close of the quarter-century, nearly four-fifths of the surviving Alumni should be still in the ministry, and three-fifths on our own field, is a result probably as satisfactory as can be exhibited by most theological institutions. Of the positions occupied, and the work accomplished by her sons, their Alma Mater might not speak with impartiality, and will therefore be silent.

It would be a grateful task for the Directors to commemorate the services of the chief Benefactors of the College. But the records do not furnish complete materials for this purpose. Nor can there be entire freedom in acknowledging the labours and gifts of such as are still living. But hope for the future is inspired by the remembrance, that so much of thought, affection, generosity and prayer, has been enlisted on behalf of this cause.

It only remains for the retiring Directors to record their fervent hope and prayer, that, during the next quarter of a century, the Congregational College of British North America may increase in every element of efficiency and success, may commend itself more and more strongly to the confidence and affection of the Churches which it is established to serve, and above all, may obtain in largest measure the benediction of Him who 'holdeth the stars,' which 'are the angels of the Churches,' 'in His right hand!'

[We had designed to add to the above historical sketch an outline of the proceedings of the College since its removal to Montreal. But as much space has been already given as can be devoted to one topic, and as in 1874 the institution will have completed its tenth year in Montreal, the story of that period, as it may be told by the present secretary, will furnish a most interesting and valuable contribution to the Year-Book of 1874–'75.—Ed. Y. B.]

THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

THEIR HISTORY, CONSTITUTIONS, MEMBERSHIP AND TRANSACTIONS.

THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

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1848–1853.

The Western Association was organized in the house of the Rev. William Clarke at Simcoe on February 8th, 1848, under the name of the Hamilton Association. It was an association of ministers and churches. The ministers present at its formation were the Rev. John Durrant, Edward Ebbs, William Hay, James Vincent, and William Clarke. The churches associated were Hamilton, Drummondville, Brantford, Paris, Scotland and Simcoe. Afterwards between 1848 and 1853 the following ministers were received into the Association, Revs. Thomas Baker, W. F. Clarke, Solomon Snider, Robert Robinson, Thomas Rattray, Stephen King, Thomas Lightbody, D. Maccallum, John Wood, Hiram Denny, Samuel Fenton, and G. Ritchie, and the following churches, Glanford, Norwich, Burford, Warwick and Stratford. The excess of ministers over churches

in the statement is accounted for by the removal of some ministers to other associations and the consequent incoming of others. The object of the Association as stated in the minutes of the first meeting was—" To promote the revival of spiritual religion ; to secure closer union among the churches ; to take counsel with each other in cases requiring it ; to promote the interests of the churches associated in every way short of authoritative interference ; and to unite in efforts to extend the Kingdom of Christ, together with the management of the missionary business within its limits." Quite a wide and worthy object, declaring to us much of the needs of the times. At the second meeting of the Association an elaborate constitution of thirteen articles was presented according to order and adopted. In addition to the above, it provided that the churches send representatives to the meetings of the Association ; that a book society be formed ; that delegates be sent to sister Associations and their expenses borne by the Association ; that on the removal of any member he shall be furnished with testimonials from the united brethren ; that the brethren be requested to subscribe five shillings per annum to be paid quarterly into the funds of the Association ; that the Chairman shall put the following questions at each meeting of the Association :— Are there any cases that require our sympathy and counsel ? Can anything be done to promote a revival of spiritual religion in our churches—their closer union and greater efficiency ? It was also provided that the meetings of the Association shall be held on the Tuesday after the first Sabbath in January, April, July and October. The Rev. William Clarke was chosen Secretary-Treasurer, a position he filled during the period of five years. The minister in the place of meeting was always president. Thus furnished the Association went forth to its important work, which it did well. The minutes of the meetings are rather brief and fragmentary, yet through them sufficient light shines to show us that the advancement of Christ's Kingdom was the main motive of the brethren. The good of the churches was the vital principle of the Association. Ministers were received only after a strict and searching examination, and where discipline was needed it was fearlessly and faithfully exercised. The churches were watched over jealously for their good ; frequent deputations being sent to express sympathy and hold fraternal conference with them on matters affecting their prosperity. At one meeting it was agreed that the churches should be remembered at the Throne of Grace, at the hour of eight every Saturday evening, special petition being made for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. At the following meeting the question was asked, whether brethren had observed the season of prayer resolved upon at last meeting, and it was found that they had and testimony was borne that God had graciously heard prayer and was prospering some of the churches. Delegates were sent to and received from other Associations. By these brethren important questions were brought before the Associations which led to momentous results. For instance at the meeting of March, 1852, the Rev. Dr. Wilkes, of Montreal, made proposals for an amalgamation of the Unions of the then Canada East and Canada West. Next year this union was effected. In 1848, a book society was formed, the Rev. E. Ebbs acting as secretary, but so difficult was it found to carry it on, that in 1850 it was resolved " That the book society be abandoned, and the money in hand returned to the parties who paid it, and the books belonging to it be presented to the Institute, Toronto." This Association urged upon brethren in the far west the organization of a London Association, which took place soon after, but it did nothing and was soon merged in the Hamilton Association. The sessions were opened and closed by sermons on appointed topics, the Lord's Supper being admininistered in connection with either the opening or the closing one ; which, does not appear. The first sermon was by the Rev. Wm. Hay, on " The Theory and Authority of the Christian Ministry ;" the second by the Rev. Robert Robinson, discussed the question " What is Truth ?" the third by the Rev. Thomas Baker dealt with "The Great Invitation" of Rev. xxii. 17 ; the fourth by the Rev. Wm. Hay expounded " The Advantages of Association," and we have this minute marking the close of a meeting, "The meeting of the Associa-

tion was refreshing to the minds of the brethren, and closed by a sermon on Wednesday evening by Brother Vincent on the ' Parable of the Talents.' "

1853–1869.

Although the Association from the time of its formation was an Association of ministers and churches, yet, strange to say, the churches during the five years it so continued were never once represented by delegates, and to continue the name of the Association as it was without any close approach being made to it in reality could not be agreeable to the earnest and honest men who composed it. However much they desired the representation of the churches, and they did cordially desire it, so long as they did not appear with them they could not unfurl a banner whose legend would mislead. Hence in 1853, the name was changed to the "The Western Evangelical Association of Congregational Ministers." Its objects were the mutual improvement of its members in spiritual and intellectual culture, and the promoting of vital religion in our churches and thoughout our country. It met now only twice a year. Its exercises were a sermon (preached publicly on the evening of assembling), and exposition of some portion of Scripture, a review of some standard theological book or recent publication, a written sermon, an essay, a common plan, all considered in private sessions and occasionally an open meeting in which addresses were delivered on the last evening. During this period the association loses nearly all its public interest. Its sphere is now so narrowed that it is really cramped. This is evident from the fact that in 1863 there is expressed upon the minutes a desire for "a greater degree of fellowship of churches than can be secured by the annual mass meeting of the body," and a proposition made for the formation of a District Union to be called "The Western District Union of Congregational Churches." A Committee was appointed to draft a constitution, but after two or three meetings the project dropped. A book society was organized in 1860 and under the able management of Rev. E. Ebbs continued till 1865 when it passed successively into the hands of the Revs. J. A. R. Dickson and W. H. Allworth and became defunct. During this period we meet some new names, such as Revs. S. Harris, J. Boyd, Thomas Pullar, John Armour, W. H. Allworth, Anthony McGill, R. G. Baird, C. P. Watson, Robert McGregor, J. M. Smith, B. W. Day, J. A. R. Dickson, and George Strasenburgh. The Rev. William Hay was chosen Secretary-Treasurer in 1853, which office he held till 1858, the Rev. Edward Ebbs succeeded him and performed the duties of the secretariate for seven years, 1858—1865, upon which the Rev. J. A. R. Dickson was elected to the office which he still holds.

From 1863 the desire for fellowship with the churches grew ; every meeting bore testimony to the fact that some grand and vital element was wanting. This state of things could no longer obtain, therefore we now enter upon a new period,—

1869–1873,—

Marked by the following Constitution which was adopted May 18th, 1869.

PREAMBLE.

Whereas, in the year 1848 an Association of Ministers and Churches was formed, which afterwards was, in 1853, by an amended constitution, made to exclude the Churches from representation : and whereas, in 1863, a Committee was appointed to draft a Constitution admitting the Churches again to fellowship in the Association : Therefore, Resolved, that this Association be restored to the form in which it was at first organized, and made to comprehend Churches as well as Ministers. The Association shall be co-extensive with the Western District.

CONSTITUTION.

I.—NAME.

The Western Association of Congregational Ministers and Churches.

II—OF WHOM COMPOSED.

All approved Pastors and Churches of our faith and order on a vote at any meeting. The Churches to be represented by one or two delegates.

III—ITS OBJECTS.

To promote the revival of Spiritual Religion—to extend by evangelistic services Congregationalism in the Western District—to secure closer union and fellowship, and to advance, by all legitimate means, the interests of the associated churches.

IV—TIME OF MEETINGS.

Meetings to be held in October and February in each year.

V—ORDER OF SERVICES.

On the first day meet at three P. M. for Conference. In the evening for Preaching and the observance of the Lord's Supper. On the second day morning and afternoon sessions for Conference. In the evening, public services.

VI—EXPENSES.

That collections be taken up in the Churches to defray expenses.

Under this Constitution the Association works admirably. The brethren attend with regularity, the churches are well represented by delegates, and every meeting is profitable and stimulating. Indeed the Fall and Winter meetings are looked forward to as Christian festivals. The Association meets at three p.m. All its sessions are public, indeed the church-members are cordially invited to be present at all the sessions. The first hour is spent in prayer and the reception of reports of the state of religion in the churches, the remainder of the afternoon is devoted to the reading and discussion of an essay. In the evening a sermon is preached and the Lord's Supper administered. The first hour of the second day, as of every session, is given up to prayer and conference. The rest of the time, both in the forenoon and in the afternoon, is occupied by the reading and discussion of essays or reviews. The evening is a meeting of great variety and deep interest, as all the brethren present speak briefly on a given subject. All hearts being touched, and warmed, and blest, the Association closes with a crown of gladness on its head, that keeps it high above all other meetings till it comes round again.

Since 1869, the Association has met in Burford, Hamilton, Southwold, Garafraxa, Stratford, Hamilton, Paris, Scotland and inevery place, in addition to the ministers and delegates, a large number of the members of the Church have assembled with the Association and have manifested great interest in its proceedings. During this period we have new names again to record, viz : Revs. Enoch Barker, Robert Brown, John Salmon, B.A., E. J. Robinson, J. J. Hindley, M.A., Robert Parsons, W. H. Claris, E. C. W. McColl, D. M. Archer, and Wm. Manchee. At the meeting held in Scotland in March, 1873, it was resolved after due deliberation that the Association be sub-divided into sections, for the purpose of a more careful oversight of the churches within the bounds of these sections, and likewise for the purpose of making aggressive missionary efforts. These sub-divisions are the

London Section including the Counties of Kent, Essex, Lambton, Middlesex and Elgin.

Brantford Section including the Counties of Brant, Oxford, Norfolk and Wentworth.

Guelph Section including the Counties of Huron, Bruce, Grey, Wellington, Perth and Waterloo.

The Rev. Enoch Barker was appointed Secretary for the Guelph Section, Rev. J. Salmon, B.A., for the London Section, the Rev. W. H. Allworth, for the Brantford Section. The present roll of membership is as follows :

Rev. William Hay, Scotland.	Rev. W. F. Clarke, Guelph.
" John Wood, Brantford.	" J. I. Hindley, M.A., Owen Sound.
" Anthony McGill, M.A., Barton.	" Enoch Barker, Fergus.
" Solomon Snider, Wroxeter.	" J. M. Smith, Amherstburgh.
" J. A. R. Dickson, Toronto.	" W. H. Claris, Sarnia.
" W. H. Allworth, Paris.	" William Manchee, Guelph.
" John Salmon, B.A., Embro.	" E. C. W. McColl, M.A., Woodstock.

CHURCHES.

Southwold.	London.	Guelph.
Paris.	Listowel.	Stratford.
Scotland.	Fergus.	Eramosa.
Hamilton.	Garafraxa.	Burford.
Brantford.	Douglas.	

The next meeting will be held in Paris, Ont., on the 2nd Tuesday in February, 1874. The Rev. W. Manchee will preach, alternate, Rev. J. M. Smith.

Essayists—" The scriptural warrant for family worship." Rev. A. McGill, M.A.
" Ordination, what is it ? Who should be its subjects?" W.H. Allworth.
" The capabilities and claims of the Association." J. A. R. Dickson.
" Should eeclesiastical property be taxed ?" Rev. John Wood.
" The best mode of dealing with the free thought of the age."
Rev. E. C. W. McColl, M.A.

Review— " Sermons for my Curates." Rev. Wm. Manchee.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION, ONTARIO.

By Rev. W. W. Smith, Pine Grove, Secretary.

This Association was organized at Guelph on 8th October, 1857. It was at first called " The North-Western Association." In 1863, its name was changed to " Central Congregational Association of Canada West ; " the name and bounds being adapted to those of the Missionary District. In October, 1857, the Association consisted of seven ministers, with as many associated churches. Twenty-eight ministers have, in all, been members of the Association since its formation. Of these, seventeen are at present in membership. One is not now in the ministry ; two have removed from the country ; one is deceased ; two have joined other denominations ; and five are in connection with other Associations.

The most easterly church in this Association is Bowmanville ; the most westerly churches, Guelph and Owen Sound.

The annual meeting is held in the Autumn—September or October. The semi-annual meeting is generally held in February. At the annual meeting, a secretary is elected for the year. A chairman is ballotted for at every meeting. The Association meets at 2 or 3 p. m., and holds a session ; then a sermon in the evening from one of the members ; forenoon and afternoon sessions next day ; and a public meeting in the evening. A very large number of valuable and suggestive papers, on a great variety of spiritual and ecclesiastical topics, have been from time to time read before the Association.

The " Review Club " also transacts its annual business at the Autumn meeting. The principal British Reviews, with some of the best of the American ecclesiastical Reviews, are subscribed for by several members of the Association, each contributing $2 per annum. The Reviews are forwarded from member to member in regular rotation, by post.

A very interesting feature has always been, the reports, given at the beginning of every session, of the spiritual state of the churches.

A committee is appointed at every meeting to prepare a programme of exercises for the next meeting—consisting generally of a sermon to be preached, a written sermon, a review, a common text on which to present plans, and two (sometimes three) papers on specified subjects. The next meeting will be held in Pine Grove, on Tuesday, the 7th October, 1873.

Present officers, (July, 1873): Chairman, Rev. Francis H. Marling, Toronto; Secretary, Rev. William W. Smith, Pine Grove.

CONSTITUTION.

The following is the Constitution of the Association :—

I. This Association shall be called "The Central Congregational Association of Ontario."

II. It shall consist of churches of the Congregational or Independent order; of the pastors of churches associated, or qualified to be so, and of missionaries, and professors or tutors in colleges, who are members of such churches, duly received at a general meeting.

III. This Association is founded on a full recognition of the distinctive principles of Congregational Churches, viz., the Scriptural right of every separate church to maintain perfect independence in the government and administration of its own particular affairs: and, therefore, that the Association shall not in any case assume legislative authority, or become a Court of Appeal.

IV. The objects contemplated in the formation of this Association are, (1.) To promote evangelical religion within the sphere of its influence; (2.) to cultivate brotherly affection and co-operation in everything relating to the interests of the associated churches; (3.) to promote the intellectual and spiritual improvement of the ministers so united.

V. In order to the accomplishment of these objects, and the general interests of the Association, semi-annual meetings of its members shall be held; each of the associated churches being represented by two lay delegates: the meetings to be held at such time and place as may have been appointed at the previous regular meeting.

VI. The officers of this Association shall be a Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer: the former to be elected semi-annually, and the latter annually, by ballot.

VII. No alteration shall be made in this Constitution, unless notice of such proposed alteration be given in writing at the previous meeting; and then only by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

The following are at present ministerial members of the Association :—

Rev. Joseph Unsworth,
Joseph Wheeler,
Francis H. Marling,
Hiram Denny,
Thomas M. Reikie,
William F. Clarke,
John G. Sanderson,
Dugald Macgregor,
Benjamin W. Day,
Rev. John G. Manly,
Robert Robinson,
Matthew S. Gray,
Samuel T. Gibbs,
Daniel Macallum,
William W. Smith,
James A. R. Dickson,
Samuel N. Jackson.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION, EASTERN DISTRICT.

By Rev. R. Lewis, Belleville, Secretary.

The Ministerial Association, Eastern District, was organized in the town of Brockville, Ontario, February 16th, 1858, and was intended to include the ministerial brethren labouring within the limits of the Eastern District of the Canada Congregational Missionary Society.

Difficulties in maintaining meetings have been at times almost insuperable, owing to the long distances intervening between our churches, and the very incom-

plete facilities for travelling. But while the expenses incident to such long journeys have been a serious drawback, the need of more interchange of thought between brethren, so widely separated, has been keenly felt, and an earnest disposition has been manifested to continue this valuable auxiliary to ministerial efficiency.

The brethren present at the formation of the Association in Brockville, were Revs. R. Robinson, K. M. Fenwick, R. K. Black, H. Lancashire and A. Burpee.

The Rev. R. Robinson was appointed Chairman, and Rev. A. Burpee, Secretary. The object of the Association having been stated to be "*For mutual edification and comfort,*" the following resolutions were adopted, as the *Constitution* of the Association; and which in substance remain in force (June, 1873), the only change being the holding of a semi-annual, instead of an annual meeting.

Constitution.

I. That the Membership of the Association embrace the ministerial brethren resident in the Eastern District of the C.C.M.S., and consenting to the connexion.

II. That the meetings be held annually on the second Wednesday, in October.

III. That the exercises comprise devotional services, meetings for conference, reading of essays, plans, sermons (or expositions) and free conversation on the same.

IV. That to meet the travelling and other expenses of the Association, each member contribute one dollar annually, and a collection be taken up where the meeting is held.

V. That the secretary of the meeting be the secretary-treasurer for the ensuing year.

At the same preliminary meeting, it was resolved to hold the first meeting in Lanark Village, October 13th, 1858—which meeting was convened one week earlier for reasons deemed sufficient.

At the October meeting in Lanark Village, the names of Rev. W. Hayden, of Cobourg, Rev. John Climie, of Belleville, and Rev. Philip Shanks, of Lanark, were added to the roll of members—making a membership of seven. Of this number who united with this Association during the first year of its existence, two have entered into rest, Rev. W. Hayden of Cobourg, and Coldsprings, and Rev. John Climie, of Belleville; one is labouring in the United States, Rev. A. Burpee; one in Nova Scotia, Rev. R. K. Black; one in Australia, Rev. P. Shanks; one has recently devoted himself to Mission work among the Indians of the Lake Superior region; and *one* abides until this day (June, 1873) pastor of the Church at Kingston, Rev. K. M. Fenwick.

Meetings were held at Lanark Village, ... October 6th, 1858.
Belleville..... " 12th, 1859.
Kingston..... " 3rd, 1860.
Lanark .... December 18th, 1861.
Belleville .....October 8th, 1862.

From 1862 until 1870, various causes interrupted the regular meetings of the Association.

On the 12th of October, 1870, a number of brethren assembled on Missionary business in the City of Kingston, when it was determined to resuscitate this Association: present at the meeting, Rev. Charles Pedley (since deceased), Rev. K. M. Fenwick, Rev. A. McGregor and Rev. R. Lewis.

Rev. K. M. Fenwick was appointed Chairman, and Rev. A. McGregor, Secretary.

Exercises were appointed for the autumnal meeting, to be held in Brockville. At the same meeting it was resolved, that the meetings of the Association be held twice in the year, in October and May; the date to harmonize with the occasion of the meeting of the Missionary Committee.

In accordance with that resolution, the revived association met in Brockville, 12th of October, 1870; since which time meetings have been held in:

Lanark Village .....October 27th, 1871.
Kingston .....May 9th, 1872.
Kingston.....September, 18th, 1872.
Ottawa.....May 14th, 1873.

The exercises at the late meeting in Ottawa, were :

1. A public service—sermon by Rev. R. Lewis.
2. An essay on " Justification "—Rev. W. M. Peacock.
3. Public Meeting, addresses by all the brethren. During the afternoon of the second day, discussions took place on the sermon, and essay, and upon other topics of special interest.

The exercises appointed for next meeting, are :

1. A public service—Preacher, Rev. J. G. Sanderson.
2. Essay—subject " Prayer Culture "—Rev. J. Brown.
3. Review of " Yale Lectures "—Rev. R. Brown.
4. Plans of sermons, on Sanctification, each brother to select his own text.
5. Public service as may at the time be arranged.

The place of meeting, Martintown, if found practicable, or such place as may be most desirable for the meeting of the Local Missionary Committee.

PRESENT MEMBERSHIP.

Rev. K. M. Fenwick .....Kingston.
" R. Lewis.....Belleville.
" J. Brown.....Lanark Village.
" R. Brown .....Middleville.
" W. M. Peacock .....Athol.
" J. G. Sanderson.....Ottawa.

Chairman, Rev. John Brown ; Secretary, Rev. R. Lewis.

Latterly the improving facilities for travelling, and an ever increasing appre ciation, on the part of the brethren, of the benefits derived from the Association have given increased vitality to the meetings ; and it is hoped that, by mutua counsel and co-operation, the cause of Christ as represented by our churches in this district may be largely advanced.

The district is a wide one, and ought to have at this moment four additional Missionary pastors : had we the means to support them, and the men to send. Even such an augmentation of labourers would still leave plenty of room for younger brethren to go to newer portions of the district, where there is much need of the simple and earnest Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS ASSOCIATION.

BY REV. A. DUFF, SHERBROOKE, SECRETARY.

At Compton, L. C. 7th July, 1836, according to previous arrangement, the following ministers were together at the house of Brother Ora Pearson, viz. :—James Robertson, of Sherbrooke ; A. J. Parker, of Shipton ; A. O. Hubbard, of Melbourne ; and Lewis Sabin, of Stanstead.

After prayer and consideration, it was judged best to take some steps towards the formation of a Ministerial Association, and it was voted to meet at Shipton, Brother A. J. Parker's, on Tuesday, 26th inst., for organization—Bro. Pearson to procure a copy of the Constitution of the Orleans County Association, &c.

At Shipton, 26th July, 1836, the ministers who met at Compton, and Bro. Horace B. Chapin, of the Hampshire Association, Mass., met at Bro. A. J. Parker's according to adjournment, and on the 28th the St. Francis Association of Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers was organized for the promotion of ministerial and

Christian improvement. The first article of the constitution was, "We acknowledge as our articles of faith, the system of religious truth taught in the Assembly's Shorter Catechism."

Constitution.

The following is the revised Constitution and By-laws of what was formerly the "St. Francis," and is now the "Eastern Townships Association of Congregational Ministers"—adopted at Waterloo, Que., on the 7th September, 1870. The change of name was adopted at that meeting:—

Art. I. As the basis of our union—We, the members of this Association, believe in the Unity of God in three Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost: the innate depravity of the human heart: the atonement by the vicarious sacrifice of the Divine Redeemer: and in regeneration by the work of the Holy Spirit: in justification by faith alone in Jesus as our Prophet, Priest and King: in the election to eternal life of all who are finally saved: in the perseverance of the Saints: in the spiritual nature of the Christian Church, and in the simplicity of worship: in the all sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures, as the statute book of the Kingdom of Christ; and in the right of private judgment: in the resurrection of the dead, small and great, when the righteous shall be received into life everlasting, and the wicked sent away into everlasting punishment.

Art. II. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and a Scribe, the Scribe to be chosen at each annual meeting, and to serve until another is appointed in his stead.

Art. III. Each member of the Association, beginning with the eldest, shall in rotation officiate as Moderator.

Art. IV. The stated meetings of this Association shall be on the second Tuesdays of May and September, at 4 o'clock P. M., at such places as the Association shall appoint at a previous meeting, and the session shall close at noon on the Thursday following: Provided, however, that the Association may, if they see fit, at any given meeting, appoint the next to be held at a different time from the above prescribed. Such alteration may be made by vote of all the members present.

Art. V. Upon application of any two of the Association to the Scribe, he shall appoint a special meeting, at such time and place as he shall deem expedient, and shall notify all the members of such appointment.

Art. VI. The annual meeting for the choice of Scribe and the transaction of other business, shall be in September of each year; at the annual and semi-annual meetings an associational sermon shall be preached in public on Tuesday evening, at an hour to be named by the Pastor resident—the preacher to be appointed at the previous meeting. Other public exercises to be directed by the resident Pastor.

Art. VII. The private exercises of the Association shall be opened with the reading of a portion of Scripture and prayer by the Moderator, and each particular session shall be opened with prayer. The other exercises of the sessions shall ordinarily consist of an exegesis of some passage of Holy Scripture; plans of sermons and dissertations on subjects connected with theology. One of which dissertations shall be on some part of the office-work of the ministry.

Art. VIII. Every candidate for admission shall be introduced by some of this body; shall exhibit satisfactory proof of his regular standing in the Christian Ministry, and shall pledge himself to abstain from the use of all alcoholic liquors, except for medicinal purposes; and may then become a member by vote of the Association, and by subscribing this constitution.

Art. IX. By-laws may be adopted by vote of two-thirds of the members of the Association present at any given meeting; and the foregoing constitution may be amended by vote of the same majority: provided always, that such amendment be proposed at a previous meeting.

By-Laws.

1. Every distinct exercise of the Association, such as the reading of an exegesis or a dissertation, shall be preceded by prayer.
2. The Scribe shall at the previous meeting, notify the brother who is to be Moderator of the next meeting.
3. The Scribe shall be ex officio Treasurer.
4. Each member of the Association shall pay twenty-five cents, in advance yearly, for necessary expences.
5. The exercises of the Association on Wednesday shall be:—At 9 A.M. a public prayer meeting. At 10, after opening exercises, criticism of associational sermon. After which, counsel may be given to individuals or churches that may seek it. If no notice be given on previous evening, that any case will be brought forward requiring advice, then the time shall be spent in private business of Association (as per Art. VII Constitution). P.M. The exercises of the morning continued. Evening, public service under the direction of resident Pastor. On Thursday, A.M., prayer meeting as on Wednesday, time of commencement to be left to the Pastor, after which private business of the Association. At September meeting Annual Missionary Meetings to be planned.
6. Any alteration deemed necessary by resident Pastor, to be intimated by him to the brethren, at least two full weeks before the Association meets.

Membership.

James Robertson,* Sherbrooke;
Ora Pearson,* Compton.
Austen O. Hubbard,* Melbourne.
Ammi J. Parker, Danville.
Lewis Sabin,* Stanstead.
R. V. Hall,§ Stanstead.
E. J. Sherrill, Eaton.
David Dunkerley,* Durham.
Joseph Anderson,§ Melbourne;
P. P. O. Sunkerhine,† St. Francis.
N. P. Fox,§ Granby.
And. Rankin,* Melbourne.
Thomas Bayne,† Melbourne.
James Hay,† Stanstead.
Archd. Duff, Sherbrooke.
L. P. Adams, Fitch Bay.
Alex. Macdonald,‡ Stanstead.
Cyril Pearl,* Waterville.
J. T. Pattison,§ Stanstead.
D. C. Frink,* Melbourne.
B. M. Frink,† Magog.
Jos. Forsyth,* Waterville.
J. A. Farrar,† Cowansville.
John Rogers,† Stanstead.
John Campbell,§ Melbourne.
George Purkis, Waterville.
Jno. McKillican, Danville.
H. J. Colwell,§ Waterloo.
James Howell, Granby.
C. P. Watson, Cowansville.
J. H. Perkins,§ Franklin.
G. T. Colwell, Danville.

The next meeting of the Association will be held at Eaton, on the 2nd Tuesday in September, unless the Scribe see reason in local circumstances to call it earlier or later. The Annual Missionary Meeting there to be held at same time if practicable. Moderator, Rev. G. Purkis; Preacher, Rev. A. Duff, Primary; Rev. G. T. Colwell, Alternate. The latter if not called to preach, to read a sermon to the Association. Essays on "Politics in relation to Christianity," by Rev. G. Purkis, on "Revival amongst our Churches," by Rev. L. P. Adams; on "The coming of Christ," by Rev. A. Duff. Plans of sermons from all present as time will allow.

At next meeting, the question of Sectional Associations under the one Eastern Townships Association will be considered; also the possibility of securing a Provincial gathering. The attendance of delegates from the churches at the meetings of the Association; visits of Foreign Missionaries, or Agents; and also the co-working of Pastors in each other's fields, with a view to promote religious thought and action, were recommended for consideration.

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* Those marked thus deceased.
† " " " dismissed by letter.
§ " " " Left the Province.
‡ Name removed from roll having left the ministry.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

ITS ORIGIN AND HISTORY, BY JAMES WOODROW, SECRETARY.

Congregationalism in Nova Scotia had its origin from the then British Provinces of New England, about the year 1760, and in New Brunswick about 1762. When the American Revolution broke out, flourishing settlements of New England people existed at Cornwallis, Chebogue, Liverpool, and other places in Nova Scotia, and ministers were settled over Congregational churches. During the Revolution, a very large part of these settlers returned to New England, and most of the ministers abandoned the field.

At the close of the war, the feeling of the people between the two countries was of such a character that ministers could not be obtained from New England; and, owing to the difficulty of communication, it was no easy matter to get ministers from England. And some of the men who were sent out sought to undermine Congregational principles, and lead the people and churches over to other denominations. The churches, anxious for ministers to preach the Gospel, settled over them, in many cases, men holding other denominational views ; and the greater part of these used their position in a way to lead the people from the Congregational to other religious bodies.

The churches at Sheffield, Chebogue and Liverpool have, however, maintained an existence down to the present time. The churches at Yarmouth, Milton, Cornwallis and Pleasant River, in Nova Scotia, are mainly composed of the descendants of the early Puritan settlers. The church at Keswick Ridge, in New Brunswick, had its origin, in part from Sheffield, but has considerable of the Scotch element in connection with it. Some of the descendants of the early settlers are also to be found in the churches of St. John and Halifax.

Had there been an organization like the Colonial Missionary Society to assist these churches with men and means as other religious bodies were assisted, Congregationalism would have been in a different position now. But in spite of these failures, it has fulfilled a great mission ; and the spirit of Congregational Independency has never taken its departure from among the descendants of the early settlers, many of whom now bear other names; and, like seed sown in former days, which, after being long hidden, buds and brings forth fruit, so the under-current, which can be easily traced, may one day be developed. It has been especially noticed that to the early settlers and their descendants, the two Provinces are largely indebted for the civil and religious liberties they enjoy.

The churches in St. John and Halifax were originated about 30 years ago, by special efforts of the English Colonial Missionary Society. The church at Maitland and Noel, N. S., is of Presbyterian origin. The church at Mill Town, N. B., was formed from a union of members of the Congregational church in Calais, residing on the New Brunswick side of the St. Croix, with a number of members of the Wesleyan Church in Mill Town, who were not satisfied with Wesleyan Church polity. This latter church has, from the beginning, been connected with the Maine Conference of Congregational Churches.

The church at Margaree, C.B., had its origin about fifty years ago, among a few English settlers, one of whom was a Congregationalist, and who carried on worship among the people until, through the efforts of the Rev. Mr. Darien, of Manchester, N.S., a church was organized, and presided over for many years by the late Rev. Mr. Hart.

Previous to the year 1840, nearly all the Congregational churches in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick had either become absorbed in other bodies, or had presiding over them ministers of other denominations. A few years later a great change had taken place, in part, through the encouragement given by the Colonial Missionary Society.

In July, 1846, a preliminary meeting was held in Liverpool, N.S., with a view to the organization of a Congregational Union ; and at an adjourned meeting in October of the same year in St. John, N.B., the Union was established.

In 1862, the Union was incorporated by Acts of Assembly of the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and was authorized to hold property, and receive bequests for missionary operations and educational work.

By the bequest of Mrs. Gorham, of Liverpool, N.S., a Congregational College was established in the town of Liverpool in the year 1848, but the building was destroyed by fire in 1854. In accordance with the terms of the bequest the annual proceeds of the property are, for the time being, at the disposal of the Union, for missionary operations. The Union is connected in its work with the Canadian Missionary Society, and so far as missionary operations are concerned, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick form a district in connection with that Society. From a report published, we give the financial statement of 1871-2 :—

EXPENDITURE		$1,117 04
RECEIPTS—		
From invested Funds	$357 28	
From Gorham Estate, Rents	269 25	
From Collections	355 33	
		981 86
		$135 18

This difference, $135 18, being met by the Canadian Missionary Society, which receives part of its funds from the Colonial Missionary Society. The report for 1872 will be found in the General Report of the Canadian Missionary Society.

WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.—Rev. Jacob McLellan, Noel, N.S., and Rev. J. R. Kean.

The following changes have taken place during the year :—Rev. Simeon Sykes, from Pleasant River, N.S., to Keswick Ridge, N.B. ; Rev. James Shipperley, from Abbotsford, Quebec, to Pleasant River, N.S. ; Rev. Joseph Elliot, from Halifax to Ontario.

WITHDRAWN FROM THE BODY.—Rev. Joseph Elliot, to Canada Presbyterian Church.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

The church at St. John's is the only Congregational church in Newfoundland. The founder of this church, Mr. John Jones, a native of Wales, and connected with the Royal Artillery, was converted at the age of 33, and united with a church in Chatham, England, called "Whitefieldites." In 1775 he was stationed at Newfoundland, and religion being at a low ebb, he conducted worship in his own room. Shortly after he addressed people in the Court House, but this privilege was taken away, and he was not at liberty to preach except in the open air. The restraint having been removed, a place of worship was erected in 1777. The Governor threatened to pull the building down, but did not carry out his threat. Mr. Jones subsequently returned to England, retired from the army, devoted himself to the work of the ministry, and came back to Newfoundland in 1779. His meetings, however, were broken up by the authorities, and he was compelled to return to England. In the spring of 1780, the church was authorised to be used for services, and Mr. Jones came back and ministered to the people, having, however, to suffer considerable persecution. In the year 1800 Mr. Jones died, and the church has had a succession of pastors, among them the Rev. J. Howell and the Rev. C. Pedley. The present minister is Rev. Thomas Hall, formerly of Ireland. The church constituted a Missionary Society within itself, and

employs Mr. Harrington, once of the Dublin City Mission, who labours among the poor in various parts of the Island.

THE WEST INDIES.

Jamaica.

Congregational Ministers in connection with the London Missionary Society :

Rev. William Alloway, Ridgemount.
" G. Bailey, Davyton.
" J. H. Clarke, Whitefield.
" W. J. Gardener, Kingston.
" A. Joyce, Chapelton.
" James Milne, First Hill.

In connection with the American Missionary Association :

Rev. John Thompson, Brainard and Manning's Hill.
" C. B. Venning, Chesterfield.
" C. C. Starbuck, Eliot.
" S. B. Wilson, Brandon Hill and Providence.

Native Missionaries :

Rev. E. A. Eastwood, Breadnut Bottom.
" W. C. Harty, Davyton.

Demerara.

Rev. Joseph Ketley, Georgetown.
" E. A. Wallbridge, do.
" George Macfarlane, Lodge.
" Joseph C. Westley, Victoria.
" Charles Rattray, Canal No. 1.

Berbice.

Rev. John Dalgliesh, New Amsterdam.
" George Pettigrew, Albion Chapel.

British Guiana.

Rev. J. Foreman, Demerara.

Mexico.

Rev. William Parkes, without pastoral charge.

Costa Rica.

Rev. A. B. Camm.

STATISTICS OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES.

ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

(See Tables appended to Minutes of Union of O. and Q.)

NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

(See do. of Union of N. S. and N. B.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

(*From* Year Book, 1873.)

1. Churches.—In England, 2120; Wales, 760; Scotland, 101; Ireland, 27; Islands of the British Seas, 17; total in the British Isles, 3,025. In the Colonies: British North America, 107; Australia, 145; New Zealand, 15; South Africa, Demerara, &c., 17; total, 284. In Foreign Mission Fields, about 300. General total of Churches connected with Great Britain, 3,609.

Of these 369 were reported as "vacant."

2. County Associations and Unions.—In England, 40; Wales, 16; Scotland, 8; Ireland, 1; Colonies, 9; Madagascar, 1; total, 75.

3. Ministers.—*As Pastors.*—England, 1551; Wales, 336; Scotland, 86; Ireland, 21; Continent, 5; Colonies, 488; Heathen Lands, 155; Natives, 74; total, 2,716.

Without Pastoral Charges.—England, 470; Wales, 52; Scotland, 28; Ireland, 2; Continent, 2; Colonies, 49; total, 603.

4. *Students in Colleges.*—England, 269; Wales, 64; Scotland, 9; Colonies, 28; in Mission Colleges, 170; total, 567.

N.B.—The English Churches do not give such statistics of membership, property and contribution, as are obtained in the United States and in Canada.

THE UNITED STATES.

(*From tables collected from the several State organizations in* 1872, *arranged and published by the Secretary of the National Council, in the "Congregational Quarterly" (Boston), for January*, 1873.)

1. Churches,—3263, of which 925 have pastors; 1562 "acting pastors"; and 776 are vacant (134 of these having some supplies).

The membership of these churches consisted of 105,804 males, and 207,614 females, total 318,916, of whom 41,787 were "absent." The additions during the previous year had been, by profession 13,945, by letter 10,746, total 25,394; and the removals 15,766. There had been 6,373 adult and 4,703 infant Baptisms. The Sabbath Schools contained 371,110 scholars.

The "parish expenses" of the whole number of churches are *estimated* at $5,500,000. The benevolent contributions reported were over $1,300,000, while numerous legacies and individual endowments were not reported.

2. Ministers,—3,201, of whom 949 are not in pastoral work; 925 are pastors, and 1,327 "acting pastors." There are also 106 Foreign Missionaries. Of those "not in pastoral work," many are engaged in teaching, editorial work, secretaryships and agencies, and others are constantly supplying pulpits.

BRITISH AND COLONIAL CONGREGATIONAL ORGANISATIONS.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

Chairman, 1873-4—Rev. Eustace R. Conder, M.A., Leeds.

Treasurer—Joshua Wilson, Esq.

Secretary—Rev. Alexander Hannay.

Editor of the "Congregational Year Book"—Rev. Robert Ashton.

Committee—Seventy-two members, one-half resident in London, and one-half in the country, each section being composed of ministers and laymen in equal numbers.

Office—18, South Street, Finsbury, E.C., London,—until the Congregational Memorial Hall, now in course of erection, is ready for occupation.

Annual Meetings—in London, in May ; Autumnal Meetings—in the country, in October.

The Union was formed in 1832. Its constitution, as last revised in 1871, will be found in the [English] *Congregational Year Book*, which contains the transactions of the meetings of the year, the papers then read, lists of Congregational Ministers in all the British Dominions, membership of the County Associations, accounts of Public Societies, Obituary Notices, Sketches of New Church-Buildings, and a great body of other valuable information, comprised in a closely-printed 8vo. volume of fully 500 pages, sold for 2s. sterling.

The Union also publishes the *Congregational Hymn Book*, and the *New Congregational Hymn Book*, and has issued a series of *Tracts*.

LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS IN ENGLAND.

The London Board of Congregational Ministers has a membership of 223, besides whom there are 123 ministers "residing in and around the Cities of London and Westminster," not members of the Board.

A London Congregational Union has also been formed recently, including the Churches. Number of "Chapels" in the London district, 240.

There are 40 County Associations in England, and 16 in Wales. These take charge of local Home-Mission work, raising and distributing funds, many of them being aided by the "Home Missionary Society."

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF SCOTLAND.

Treasurer—David McLaren, Esq., 2 Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh.

Secretary—Rev. David Russell, 15 Moray Place, Regent's Park, Glasgow.

The Union is "simply a Church-aid and Home-Mission Society." There are 100 churches connected with it. It expends about £1,500 a year in missionary

work. It was organized in 1821, and consists of churches and their subscribing members.

A "Conference" has lately been organized, meeting simultaneously with the Union, at which public questions are discussed, after the manner of the English Union.

There are eight District Associations in Scotland.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF IRELAND.

Treasurer—Rev. W. Fox, Cork.

Secretaries—Rev. R. Sewell, Londonderry; Rev. A. Morrison, Belfast.

This body was formed in 1829, and consists of recognized ministers and members of churches. It meets annually in April.

Mission-work in Ireland is conducted mainly by the "Irish Evangelical Society"—*Secretary*, Rev. W. Tarbotton; Office, 18 South Street, Finsbury, E. C., London.

COLONIAL CONGREGATIONAL UNIONS.

The Congregational Churches and ministers in the several Colonies are associated in Unions as follows:—

Congregational Union and Mission of Victoria.—*Secretaries*, Rev. W. Woods, Melbourne; Rev. T. Love, Beechworth. Expenditure, £875. 45 churches, 5 mission stations, 21 preaching stations.

Congregational Union of New South Wales.—*Secretary*, Randolph Nott, Esq., Sidney. 24 churches, 24 preaching stations.

Congregational Union of Queensland.—*Secretary*, Rev. E. Griffith, Brisbane. 12 churches, 10 preaching stations.

Congregational Union and Home Mission of South Australia.—*Secretary*, ———. 41 churches.

Congregational Union of Western Australia.—*Secretary*, Rev. D. Meadowcroft, Perth. 4 churches, 8 preaching stations.

Congregational Union and Mission of Tasmania.—*Secretary*, Rev. W. C. Robinson, Hobart Town. 12 churches and 54 preaching stations.

Congregational Union and Home Mission for the Province of Auckland, New Zealand.—*Secretary*, Rev. J. T. W. Davies, Auckland. 9 churches. In other Provinces, 6 churches.

Congregational Union of Natal, South Africa. 4 churches, 8 outstations.

NATIONAL AND STATE ORGANISATIONS OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN THE UNITED STATES.

(*Condensed from "Congregational Quarterly," January*, 1873, *pp.* 205–208.)

The National Council of the Congregational Churches of the United States.—Organized 1871, meets every third year.—Rev. A. H. Quint, D.D., New Bedford, Mass., *Secretary.*

California, General Association ; meets at Santa Cruz, Oct. 8, 1873.—Rev. J. H. Warren, San Francisco, *Registrar.*

Colorado, Conference ; meets at Boulder, last Wednesday in October, 1873.

Connecticut, General Association ; met June 17, 1873.—Rev. W. H. Moore, Berlin, *Registrar.*

Connecticut, General Conference ; meets in Nov., 1873.—Rev. W. H. Moore, Berlin, *Registrar.*

Dakota, Congregational Association ; meets spring and autumn.—Rev. S. Sheldon, Vermilion, *Clerk.*

Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee : Central South Conference ; meets at Talladega, Ala., 2nd Wednesday in October, 1873.—Rev. C. W. Francis, Atlanta, Ga., *Rec. Secretary.*

Illinois, General Association ; meets 4th Wednesday in May.—Rev. M. K. Whittlesey, Alton, *Cor. Secretary.*

Indiana, General Association ; met May 15, 1873.—Rev. N. A. Hyde, Indianapolis, *Secretary.*

Iowa, General Association ; meets 1st Wednesday after 4th Wednesday of May.—Rev. J. M. Chamberlain, Grinnell, *Register.*

Kansas, General Association ; meets 2nd Wednesday after 4th Wednesday of May.—Rev. G. A. Beckwith, Neodesha, *Perm. Clerk.*

Kentucky, State Association.

Louisiana and Mississippi : South Western Conference.—Rev. M. W. Reed, New Orleans, *Cor. Secretary.* (1872.)

Maine, General Conference ; met June 24, 1873.—Dea. E. F. Duren, Bangor, *Rec. Secretary.*

Massachusetts, General Association ; meets 3rd Tuesday of June.—Rev. A. H. Quint, D.D., New Bedford, *Secretary.*

Michigan, General Association ; meets 3rd Wednesday in May.—Rev. P. R. Hurd, Eaton Rapids, *Secretary.*

Minnesota, General Conference ; meets at St. Paul, 2nd Thursday of October. Rev. H. A. Stinson, Minneapolis, *Rec. Secretary.*

Missouri, General Conference ; meets at Webster Groves, October 15th, 1873. Rev. C. C. Harrah, Brookfield, *Secretary.*

Nebraska, Congregational Association ; meets 2nd Thursday in June. Rev. J. B. Chase, Fremont, *Stated Clerk.*

New Hampshire, General Association ; meets Tuesday, after 2nd Sabbath in September. Rev. F. D. Ayer, Concord, *Secretary.*

New Jersey, (including District of Columbia and Maryland), General Association ; meets at Montclair, October 28th, 1873. Rev. W. E. C. Wright, Philadelphia, *Secretary.*

New York, General Association ; meets in New York, October 21st, 1873. Rev. E. Taylor, Binghamton, *Secretary.*

Ohio, Congregational Conference ; meets 2nd Tuesday of June. Rev. A. H. Ross, Springfield, *Register.*

Oregon, Congregational Association ; meets 3rd Thursday in June. Rev. W. R. Butcher, Albany, *Registrar.*

Rhode Island, Congregational Conference ; meets in June. Rev. T. Laurie, D. D., Providence, *Stated Secretary.*

Texas, Congregational Association ; Rev. D. Peebles, Victoria, *Scribe.*

Vermont, General Convention ; meets 3rd Tuesday in June. Rev. J. Chandler, W. Brattleboro, *Registrar.*

Wisconsin, Presbyterian and Congregational Convention ; meets at Eau Claire, October 2nd, 1873. Rev. H. C. Hitchcock, Kenosha, *Stated Clerk.*

SOCIETIES RECOMMENDED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.—Revds. S. B. Treat and N. G. Clark, Congregational House, Boston, *Secretaries.*

American Congregational Union.—Rev. Ray Palmer, 69, Bible House, N.Y., and Rev. C. Cushing, Cong. House, Boston, *Secretaries.*

American Home Missionary Society.—Revds. D. B. Coe, A. H. Clapp, and H. M. Storrs, Bible House, N. Y., *Secretaries.*

American Missionary Association.—Revds. G. Whipple, and M. E. Strieby, 59 Reade Street, N. Y., *Secretaries.*

Congregational Publishing Society.—Revds. A. Bullard and W. Barrows, Cong. House, Boston, *Secretaries.*

American Education Society.—Rev. I. N. Tarbox, 15 Cornhill, Boston, *Secretary.*

Soc. for Promotion of Collegiate and Theol. Education.—Rev. H. Q. Butterfield, 62 Bible House, N. Y., *Cor. Secretary.*

Western Education Society.—Rev. M. Smith, 48 Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, *Secretary.*

CONGREGATIONAL PERIODICALS.

1. British.

Quarterly.

Name.	*Editor.*	*Publisher.*
British Quarterly Review,	Rev. H. Allon, D. D., Rev. H. R. Reynolds, D.D.,	Hodder & Stoughton.

Monthly.

Evangelical Magazine.....	Rev. J. Spence, D.D.,	Hodder & Stoughton.
Congregationalist	Rev. R. W. Dale, M.A.,	do.
Homilist.....	Rev. D. Thomas, D.D.,	do.
Preachers' Lantern.....	Rev. Paxton Hood,	do.
Christian Family..... .	Rev. H. Simon and others,	do.
Missionary Chronicle.....	Rev. Dr. Mullens,	J. Snow & Co.
Christian's Penny Mag'ne..	Rev. F. G. Williams,	do.
Congregational Advance,...	Rev. T. R. Atkinson,	Gallie & Son, Glasgow.
Scottish Cong. Magazine...	Rev. J. M. Robbie,	Elliott. Stock.
Irish Cong. Magazine.....		Hodder & Stoughton.
City Temple.....	Rev. J. Parker, D.D.,	Partridge & Co.

Weekly.

Nonconformist	E. Miall. M. P.,	A. Miall.
English Independent.....		J. Clarke & Co.
Christian World.....	James Clacke,	do.

2. Colonial.

Monthly.

Canadian Independent	Rev. S. N. Jackson, M.D.,	A. Christie, Toronto.
Victorian Independent....	A. J. Smith, Melbourne.	
Tasmanian Independent.		
South Australian Independ't.		

3. American.

Quarterly.

		[Mass.]
Bibliotheca Sacra.....	Rev. E. A. Park, D.D.,	W. F. Draper, Andover,
New Englander.....	Prof. Kingsley and others,	New Haven.
Congregational Quarterly.		Am. Cong. Union, Boston.

Monthly.

Missionary Herald	A. B. C. F. M.,	Boston.
American Missionary.....	Am. Miss. Association,	New York.
Home Missionary	Home Miss. Society,	New York.

Weekly.

Congregationalist..... ..	Rev. H. M. Dexter, D.D.,	Boston.
Advance.....	Rev. W. W. Patton, D.D.,	Chicago.
Independent (?).....	H. C. Bowen,	New York.

DECLARATION OF FAITH AND CHURCH ORDER.

ADVERTISEMENT.

As there was reason to believe that the opinions of the Congregational Dissenters had been greatly misunderstood and even misrepresented, and that a large body of their countrymen supposed them to be either *Unitarians* or *Methodists*, the attention of the brethren assembled at the general meeting of the Congregational Union, held in London, May 11, 1832, was invited to the subject, and they were requested to deliberate on the best methods of disabusing the public mind. A Declaration of Faith and Church Order was suggested, and the draught of such a document was submitted for their consideration. On a business of such moment, it was determined, however, first to consult the Ministers and Churches of the respective County and District Associations, whether, in accordance with the example of their Nonconformist ancestors, it were desirable to publish a Declaration of the leading articles of their faith and practice; and whether, if deemed advisable, that Declaration should be made by such a statement as that which had been presented to them.

The proposed Declaration was accordingly appended to the printed Report of the Meeting, and in that form submitted for the consideration of the County and District Associations, and was by them generally approved.

On Friday, May 10th, 1833, the Declaration, as revised by the Committee appointed for that purpose, was presented to the Annual Assembly, and by that meeting was unanimously adopted "as the Declaration of the Congregational Body, with the distinct understanding, that it was not intended as a Test or Creed for Subscription," but simply as a summary of "what is commonly believed" by the Congregational Churches.

GEORGE SMITH, } *Secretaries.*
ROBERT ASHTON, }

Congregational Library,
Blomfield Street, London, August, 1852.

DECLARATION.

The Congregational Churches in England and Wales, frequently called Independent, hold the following Doctrines, as of Divine authority, and as the foundation of Christian faith and practice.

They are also formed and governed according to the principles hereinafter stated.

PRELIMINARY NOTES.

1. It is not designed, in the following summary, to do more than to state the leading doctrines of faith and order maintained by Congregational Churches in general.

2. It is not proposed to offer any *proofs*, *reasons*, or *arguments*, in support of the doctrines herein stated, but simply to *declare* what the denomination believes to be taught by the pen of inspiration.

3. It is not intended to present a *scholastic* or *critical* confession of faith, but

merely such a statement as any intelligent member of the body might offer, as containing its leading principles.

4. It is not intended that the following statement should be put forth with any Authority, or as a standard to which assent should be required.

5. Disallowing the utility of Creeds and Articles of religion as a bond of union, and protesting against subscription to any human formularies, as a term of communion, Congregationalists are yet willing to declare, for general information, what is commonly believed among them ; reserving to every one the most perfect liberty of conscience.

6. Upon some minor points of doctrine and practice, they, differing among themselves, allow to each other the right to form an unbiassed judgment of the word of God.

7. They wish it to be observed, that, notwithstanding their jealousy of subscription to Creeds and Articles, and their disapproval of the imposition of any human standard, whether of faith or discipline, they are far more agreed in their doctrines and practices than any church which enjoins subscription, and enforces a human standard of orthodoxy ; and they believe that there is no minister and no church among them that would deny the substance of any one of the following doctrines of religion, though each might prefer to state his sentiments his own way.

PRINCIPLES OF RELIGION.

I. The Scriptures of the Old Testament, as received by the Jews, and the books of the New Testament, as received by the Primitive Christians from the Evangelists and Apostles, Congregational Churches believe to be divinely inspired, and of supreme authority. These writings, in the languages in which they were originally composed, are to be consulted, by the aids of sound criticism, as a final appeal in all controversies ; but the common version they consider to be adequate to the ordinary purposes of Christian instruction and edification.

II. They believe in One God, essentially wise, holy, just, and good ; eternal, infinite, and immutable, in all natural and moral perfections ; the Creator, Supporter, and Governor of all beings, and of all things.

III. They believe that God is revealed in the Scriptures, as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and that to each are attributable the same Divine properties and perfections. The doctrine of the Divine existence, as above stated, they cordially believe, without attempting fully to explain.

IV. They believe that man was created after the Divine image, sinless, and in his kind perfect.

V. They believe that the first man disobeyed the Divine command, fell from his state of innocence and purity, and involved all his posterity in the consequences of that fall.

VI. They believe that therefore all mankind are born in sin, and that a fatal inclination to moral evil, utterly incurable by human means, is inherent in every descendant of Adam.

VII. They believe that God having, before the foundation of the world, designed to redeem fallen man, made disclosures of his mercy, which were the grounds of faith and hope from the earliest ages.

VIII. They believe that God revealed more fully to Abraham the covenant of his grace ; and, having promised that from his descendants should arise the Deliverer and Redeemer of mankind, set that patriarch and his posterity apart, as a race specially favoured and separated to his service ; a peculiar church, formed and carefully preserved, under the Divine sanction and government, until the birth of the promised Messiah.

IX. They believe, that, in the fulness of the time, the Son of God was manifested in the flesh, being born of the Virgin Mary, but conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit ; and that our Lord Jesus Christ was both the Son of man, and

the Son of God ; partaking fully and truly of human nature, though without sin, —equal with the Father, and "the express image of his person."

X. They believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, revealed, either personally in his own ministry, or by the Holy Spirit in the ministry of his apostles, the whole mind of God, for our salvation ; and that, by his obedience to the Divine law while he lived, and by his sufferings unto death, he meritoriously "obtained eternal redemption for us ;" having thereby vindicated and illustrated Divine justice, "magnified the law," and "brought in everlasting righteousness."

XI. They believe that, after his death and resurrection, he ascended up into heaven, where, as the Mediator, he "ever liveth" to rule over all, and to "make intercession for them that come unto God by him."

XII. They believe that the Holy Spirit is given in consequence of Christ's mediation, to quicken and renew the hearts of men ; and that his influence is indispensably necessary to bring a sinner to true repentance, to produce saving faith, to regenerate the heart, and to perfect our sanctification.

XIII. They believe that we are justified through faith in Christ, as "the Lord our righteousness ;" and not "by the works of the Law."

XIV. They believe that all who will be saved were the objects of God's eternal and electing love, and were given by an act of Divine sovereignty to the Son of God ; which in no way interferes with the system of means, nor with the grounds of human responsibility ; being wholly unrevealed as to its objects, and not a rule of human duty.

XV. They believe that the Scriptures teach the final perseverance of all true believers to a state of eternal blessedness, which they are appointed to obtain through constant faith in Christ, and uniform obedience to his commands.

XVI. They believe that a holy life will be the necessary effect of a true faith, and that good works are the certain fruits of a vital union to Christ.

XVII. They believe that the sanctification of true Christians, or their growth in the graces of the Spirit, and meetness for heaven, is gradually carried on through the whole period during which it pleases God to continue them in the present life ; and that, at death, their souls perfectly freed from all remains of evil, are immediately received into the presence of Christ.

XVIII. They believe in the perpetual obligation of Baptism and the Lord's Supper : the former to be administered to all converts to Christianity and their children, by the application of water to the subject, "in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost ;" and the latter to be celebrated by Christian churches as a token of faith in the Saviour, and of brotherly love.

XIX. They believe that Christ will finally come to judge the whole human race, according to their works ; that the bodies of the dead will be raised again ; and that, as the Supreme Judge, he will divide the righteous from the wicked, will receive the righteous into "life everlasting," but send away the wicked into "everlasting punishment."

XX. They believe that Jesus Christ directed his followers to live together in Christian fellowship, and to maintain the communion of saints ; and that, for this purpose, they are jointly to observe all Divine ordinances, and maintain that church order and discipline, which is either expressly enjoined by inspired institution, or sanctioned by the undoubted example of the apostles and of apostolic churches.

PRINCIPLES OF CHURCH ORDER AND DISCIPLINE.

1. The Congregational Churches hold it to be the will of Christ that true believers should voluntarily assemble together to observe religious ordinances, to promote mutual edification and holiness, to perpetuate and propagate the Gospel in the world, and to advance the glory and worship of God, through Jesus Christ ; and that each society of believers, having these objects in view in its formation, is properly a Christian church.

II. They believe that the New Testament contains, either in the form of express statute, in the example and practice of apostles and apostolic churches, all the articles of faith necessary to be believed, and all the principles of order and discipline requisite for constituting and governing Christian societies; and that human traditions, fathers and councils, canons and creeds, possess no authority over the faith and practice of Christians.

III. They acknowledge Christ as the only Head of the Church, and the officers of each church under Him, as ordained to administer His laws impartially to all; and their only appeal, in all questions touching their religious faith and practice, is to the Sacred Scriptures.

IV. They believe that the New Testament authorizes every Christian church to elect its own officers, to manage all its own affairs, and to stand independent of, and irresponsible to, all authority, saving that only of the Supreme and Divine Head of the Church, the Lord Jesus Christ.

V. They believe that the only officers placed by the apostles over individual churches, are the bishops or pastors, and the deacons; the number of these being dependent upon the numbers of the church; and that to these, as the officers of the church, is committed respectively the administration of its spiritual and temporal concerns—subject, however, to the approbation of the church.

VI. They believe that no persons should be received as members of Christian churches, but such as make a credible profession of Christianity, are living according to its precepts, and attest a willingness to be subject to its discipline; and that none should be excluded from the fellowship of the church, but such as deny the faith of Christ, violate his laws or refuse to submit themselves to the discipline which the word of God enforces.

VII. The power of admission into any Christian church, and rejection from it, they believe to be vested in the church itself, and to be exercised only through the medium of its own officers.

VIII. They believe that Christian churches should statedly meet for the celebration of public worship, for the observance of the Lord's Supper, and for the sanctification of the first day of the week.

IX. They believe that the power of a Christian church is purely spiritual, and should in no way be corrupted by union with temporal or civil power.

X. They believe that it is the duty of Christian churches to hold communion with each other, to entertain an enlarged affection for each other, as members of the same body, and to co-operate for the promotion of the Christian cause; but that no church, nor union of churches, has any right or power to interfere with the faith or discipline of any other church, further than to separate from such as, in faith or practice, depart from the Gospel of Christ.

XI. They believe that it is the privilege and duty of every church to call forth such of its members as may appear to be qualified by the Holy Spirit, to sustain the office of the ministry; and that Christian churches unitedly ought to consider the maintainance of the Christian ministry in an adequate degree of learning as one of its especial cares; that the cause of the Gospel may be both honourably sustained, and constantly promoted.

XII. They believe that church officers, whether bishops or deacons, should be chosen by the free voice of the church; but that their dedication to the duties of their office should take place with special prayer, and by solemn designation, to which most of the churches add the imposition of hands by those already in office.

XIII. They believe that the fellowship of every Christian church should be so liberal as to admit to communion in the Lord's Supper, all whose faith and godliness are, on the whole, undoubted, though conscientiously differing in points of minor importance; and that this outward sign of fraternity in Christ shoud be co-extensive with the fraternity itself though without involving any compliances which conscience would deem to be sinful.

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

CONGREGATIONAL UNION

OF

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APPOINTMENTS FOR 1873–4.

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Secretary-Treasurer:

REV. JAMES A. R. DICKSON, Toronto, Ont.

Statistical Secretary:

REV. WILLIAM W. SMITH, Pine Grove, Ont.

Minute Secretaries:

REV. JOHN SALMON, B.A., and REV. BENJAMIN W. DAY.

Committee:

REV. F. H. MARLING.	REV. W. W. SMITH.
" S. N. JACKSON, M.D.	MESSRS. GEORGE HAGUE.
" J. A. R. DICKSON.	" JAMES FRASER.
" ENOCH BARKER.	" WILLIAM ASHDOWN.
" JOHN WOOD.	" CHARLES WHITLAW.
" JOSEPH UNSWORTH.	" H. G. GRIST.
JOSEPH BARBER.	

Time and Place of Meeting for 1874:

Northern Congregational Church, Toronto, Wednesday, June 10th, 7.30 p. m., when the Chairman's Address will be delivered.

Sabbath Morning Preacher:

REV. JOHN FRASER, alternate, REV. HENRY WILKES, M.A., D.D., LL.D.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec.

I. That the name of this Asscciation be "The Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec."

II. That it shall consist of Congregational or Independent Churches, and of Ministers of the same Church Order, who are either in the pastoral office or (being members of Congregational Churches) are engaged in evangelistic or educational service, approved and received at a general meeting.

III. That this Union is founded on a full recognition of the distinctive principle of Congregational Churches, namely, the Scriptural right of every separate Church to maintain perfect independence in its government and administration, and, therefore, that the Union shall not assume legislative or administrative authority, or in any case become a court of appeal.

IV. That the following are the objects contemplated in its formation :—1. To promote evangelical religion in connection with the Congregational denomination. 2. To cultivate brotherly affection and co-operation in everything relating to the interests of the associated Churches. 3. To establish fraternal correspondence with similar bodies elsewhere. 4. To address an annual or occasional letter to the associated Churches, accompanied with such information as may be deemed necessary. 5. To obtain accurate statistical information relative to the Congregational Churches throughout the British American Provinces. 6. To hold consultation on questions of interest connected with the cause of Christ in general.

V. To promote the accomplishment of these objects, and the general interests of the Union, an annual meeting of its members shall be held, each of the associated Churches being represented by two lay delegates ; the meetings to be held at such time and place as may be appointed at each annual meeting.

VI. That the officers of the Union be a Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer, Statistical Secretary, Minute Secretary and Committee, all to be chosen annually from its members, who shall execute the instructions of the Union, and prepare a docket of business for the annual meeting.

VII. That alterations may be made in this constitution by any annual meeting, provided that notice of such alteration has been given at the meeting next preceding.

STANDING RULES.

1. All ministerial candidates belonging to Congregational or Independent Churches, for admission to this Union, shall make their application in writing, and shall furnish therewith certificates of good moral standing in the body from which they come, and a full and clear statement of their views on Christian doctrine and Church polity. In the case of candidates who present satisfactory letters

of dismissal from a recognized sister Union, such certificates and statements may be dispensed with. Candidates for admission from other denominations shall be required, in addition to the above-mentioned certificates and statements, to produce certificates of having passed through a course of literary and theological training equivalent to that provided by our colleges. Failing this, they shall be required to undergo an examination in the several departments which constitute the theological course of study in the Congregational College of B. N. A. This examination shall be conducted by a Committee of Examiners, consisting of members of this Union, who shall be appointed annually for this special purpose. The said Board shall appoint the course of reading, and the mode of conducting the said examination, subject always to the approval of this Union, and shall report the results of the same to the Membership Committee. All applications shall be reported to the Union, and shall be, with their accompanying documents, referred to the Committee on Membership (or a special committee) for full inquiry. Candidates upon whose application the Membership Committee has favourably reported and recommended, shall be eligible for immediate admission into the Union, provided always that a unanimous vote be required for such admission. In other cases, with the consent of the Union, candidates shall stand proposed for membership until the next annual meeting of the Union (with the privilege of honorary membership), at which, after a favourable report from the Membership Committee, they shall be eligible for admission.

2. The Union shall meet annually on the Wednesday after the first Sabbath in June, at 7.30 p.m., when the retiring Chairman's address will be delivered.

3. The Union shall then be organized under the presidency of the retiring Chairman, or, failing him, the pastor in the place of meeting, by the election of Minute Secretaries and Reporters, the calling of the Roll, and the appointment of Standing Committees on Business, Membership, Examination, Nominations, and Finance, on nomination by the Committee of the Union.

4. On Thursday morning, after the devotional exercises, the new Chairman shall be elected, after nomination by the Committee of the Union, or by any member of the Union.

5. After the election of a new Chairman, the Committee of the Union shall present their annual report.

6. The meetings shall be daily opened and closed with prayer ; the morning devotional exercises to extend an hour.

7. No motion shall be discussed unless seconded ; no member shall speak twice to the same motion, without permission from the chair ; and every motion shall be presented in writing by the mover, if required by the chair.

8. The roll shall be called, and the minutes of the preceding day read at the opening of each day's session, and the minutes of the last day at the close of the session.

9. The Church in whose locality the annual meeting shall be held shall be requested to celebrate the Lord's Supper in connection with such meeting.

10. On the Monday evening during the sittings of the Union, a public meeting of the Union shall be held.

11. Application shall be made by the Statistical Secretary, one month at least before the annual meeting, for statistics of the several Churches, and a brief narrative of the state of religion among them, that he may prepare a condensed narrative of the whole for the annual meeting, and for publication, if so ordered.

12. A collection for the funds of the Union shall be made annually in each Church, on or near the Lord's day prior to the meeting. From this source, in addition to the other expenses of the Union, the travelling fares, by the cheapest route, of the ministerial members of the Union, and of one delegate from each Church contributing for the year, shall be paid in full, if possible, and of both delegates as soon as the funds suffice ; on the understanding that such payment shall not be made until after the final adjournment, except with the leave of the Union.

13. The delegates from the Union to corresponding bodies, who ma fail to

fulfil their appointments by personal attendance, shall address those bodies by letter, communicating in substance such information and sentiments as they would furnish if present at their annual convocations.

LIST OF MINISTERS ASSOCIATED, WITH THEIR POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.

Adams, L. P., Fitch Bay, Quebec.
Baker, Thomas, Toronto, Ontario.
Barker, E., Fergus, Ontario.
Brown, J., Lanark Village, Ontario.
Brown, R., Garafraxa, Ontario.
Burgess, Wm., Edgeworth, Ontario.
Byrne, J. T., Whitby, Ontario.
Campbell, John, Melbourne, Quebec.
Chapman, C., M.A., Montreal.
Clarke, William, Dresden, Ontario.
Clarke, W. F., Guelph, Ontario.
Colwell, G. T., Danville, Quebec.
Cornish, G., LL.D., Montreal, Que.
Day, B. W., Stouffville, Ontario.
Denny, Hiram, Alton, Ontario.
Dickson, J. A. R., Toronto, Ontario.
Duff, Arch., Sherbrooke, Quebec.
Durrant, John, Stratford, Ontario.
Fenwick, K. M., Kingston, Ontario.
Fraser, J., Montreal, Quebec.
Gray, M. S., Alton, Ontario.
Hay, William, Scotland, Ontario.
Hay, James, Brockville, Ontario.
Hindley, J. I., M.A., Frome, Ont.
Howell, James, Granby, Quebec.
Jackson, S. N., Toronto, Ontario.
Lewis, R., Belleville, Ontario.
Macallum, D., Unionville, Ontario.
Manly, J. G., Toronto, Ontario.
Marling, F. H., Toronto, Ontario.
McGill, A., Ryckman's Corners, Ont
McGregor, A., Yarmouth, N. S.
McGregor, Dugald, Manilla, Ontario.
McGregor, D., B.A., Montreal, Que.
McKillican, John, Danville, Quebec.
McKinnon, Neil, Tiverton, Ontario.
Nighswander, D. D., Granby, Quebec.
Parker, A. J., Danville, Quebec.
Peacock, W. M., Athol, Ontario.
Powis, Henry D., Quebec, Quebec.
Purkis, G., Waterville, Quebec.
Reikie, T. M., Bowmanville, Ontario.
Robinson, R., Owen Sound, Ontario.
Salmon, J., B.A., Warwick, Ontario.
Sanderson, J. G., Rugby, Ontario.
Sherrill, E. J., Eaton, Quebec.
Shipperly, Jas., Abbottsford, Quebec.
Smith, W. W., Pine Grove, Ontario.
Snider, S., Wroxeter, Ontario.
Unsworth, J., Georgetown, Ontario.
Watson, C. P., Cowansville, Quebec.
Wheeler, Joseph, Albion, Ontario.
Wickson, A., LL.D., Toronto, Ont.
Wilkes, H., D.D., LL. D., Montreal, Q.
Wood, John, Brantford, Ontario.

LIST OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS IN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC NOT CONNECTED WITH THE UNION.

Allworth, W. H., Paris, Ontario.
Anjecahbo, J., (Ind.) Saugeen, Ont.
Burchill, R., Georgetown, Ontario.
Heu de Bourck, W. H., Stratford, Ontario.
Manchee, William, Guelph, Ont.
McColl, E. C. W., M.A.
Middleton, J., Salem, Ont.
Osunkerhine, P. P., Penetanguishene, Ontario.
Pattison, J. S., Inverness, Quebec.
Porter, J., Toronto, Ontario.
Smith, J. M., Amherstburgh, Ont.
Wallace, R. W., B.A., London, Ont.

LIST OF ASSOCIATED CHURCHES.

Abbottsford, Quebec.
Albion, Ontario.
Alton, Ontario.
Belleville, Ontario.
Bowmanville, Ontario.
Brantford, Ontario.
Brigham, Quebec.
Brockville, Ontario.
Brome, Quebec.
Burford, Ontario.
Caledon South, Ontario.
Cobourg, Ontario.
Cold Springs, Ontario.
Colpoy's Bay, Ontario.

Cowansville, Quebec.
Danville, Quebec,
Douglas, Ontario.
Durham, Quebec.
Eaton, Quebec.
Edgeworth, Ontario.
Embro, Ontario.
Fergus, Ontario.
Forest, Ontario.
Garafraxa 1st, Ontario.
Garafraxa North.
Georgetown, Ontario.
Granby, Quebec.
Guelph, Ontario.
Hamilton, Ontario,
Hawkesbury, Ontario.
Indian Lands, Ontario.
Inverness, Quebec.
Kelvin, Ontario.
Kingston, Ontario.
Lanark Village, Ontario.
Listowell, Ontario.
London, Ontario.
Manilla, Ontario.
Markham, Ontario.
Martintown, Ontario.
Meaford, Ontario.
Melbourne, Quebec.
Middleville and Rosetta, Ontario.
Montreal, Zion Church, Quebec.
Montreal, Eastern.
New Durham, Ontario.
Oro, 1st Church, Ontario.
Osprey, Ontario.
Ottawa, Ontario.
Owen Sound, Ontario.
Paris, Ontario.
Pine Grove, Ontario.
Quebec, Quebec.
Rugby, Ontario.
Russeltown, Quebec.
Sarnia, Ontario.
Scotland, Ontario.
Sherbrooke, Quebec.
Simcoe, Ontario.
Southwold, Ontario.
Speedside, Ontario.
St. Andrews, Quebec.
Stanstead South, Quebec.
Stouffville, Ontario.
Stratford, Ontario.
Thistleton, Ontario.
Toronto, Zion Church, Ontario.
Toronto, Bond Street, Ontario.
Toronto, Northern Church, Ontario.
Turnberry, Ontario.
Vankleek Hill, Ontario.
Warwick, Ontario.
Whitby, Ontario.

LIST OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC NOT CONNECTED WITH THE UNION.

Arran West, Ontario.
Cape Crocker, Ontario.
Churchill, Ontario.
Fitch Bay, Quebec.
Howick, Ontario.
Molesworth, Ontario.
Norwichville, Ontario.
Saugeen, Ontario.
Tiverton, Ontario.
Vespra, Ontario.
Waterloo, Quebec.
Waterville, Quebec.
Wroxeter, Ontario.

Date.	Place of Meeting.	Chairman.	Secretary-Treasurer.	Statistical Secretary.	Minute Secretary.	Preacher of Annual Sermon.	Sabbath Preachers.		Essayists.
							Morning.	Evening.	
June 14-19, 1854..	Montreal ..	W. Clarke.....	K. M. Fenwick..		E. Ebbs.....	A. Lillie, D.D...	K. M. Fenwick.	J. Robertson	H. Wilkes, D.D.
" 13-18, 1855..	Kingston ..	W. F. Clarke ..	Do. ..		J. Wood.....	E. Ebbs.....	H. D. Powis ..	W. F. Clarke ...	
" 11-17, 1856..	Hamilton ..	E. J. Sherrill...	Do. ..		J. T. Byrne	K. M. Fenwick..	E. J. Sherrill...	H. Wilkes, D.D...	E. Ebbs.
" 10-16, 1857..	Montreal ..	E. Ebbs	Do. ..		T. M. Reikie. ..	J. Fraser.....	A. Lillie, D.D..	W. Hay	
" 9-15, 1858..	Brantford ..	F. H. Marling..	E. Ebbs.....		D. Macallum ...	F. H. Marling..	T. Bayne	R. Wilson	H. Wilkes, D.D.
" 8-14, 1859..	Toronto	H. Wilkes, D.D.	Do. ..		E. Barker.....	T. M. Reikie. ..	R. Robinson....	W. F. Clarke	A. Lillie, D.D.
" 13-20, 1860..	Montreal ..	A. Lillie, D.D..	Do ..		J. Wood	J. Elliot.....	R. K. Black....	J. Wood	
" 12-17, 1861..	Kingston ..	J. Elliot.....	Do. ..		J. Hooper.....	W. Clarke.....	A. J. Parker ..	C. W. Torry.....	
" 11-16, 1862..	Hamilton ..	A. J. Parker ..	Do. ..		C. P. Watson ..	J. T. Byrne	A. Burpee.....	J. Butler	W. F. Clarke & F. H. Marling.
10-15, 1863..	Montreal ..	W. Hay	J. Wood.....		W. W. Smith ...	A. Duff	T. Pullar	U. Balkam	J. Wood.
" 8-13, 1864..	Brantford ..	T. M. Reikie....	Do. ..		F. H. Marling ..	G. Cornish, M.A.	K. M. Fenwick.	W. H. Allworth...	
" 7-12, 1865..	Toronto	A. Duff	Do. ..		G. A. Rawson ..	P. Shanks.....	G. Smith, D.D..	J. L. Poore	
" 14-19, 1866..	Montreal ..	W. H. Allworth.	Do. ..		D. Macallum ...	W. F. Clarke ..	F. H. Marling .	J. G. Manly.....	
" 6-11, 1867..	Kingston ..	J. Climie	Do. ..		R. Hay	J. Wood	H. Wilkes, D.D.	Prof. Stowe	G. Cornish, M.A.
" 11-15, 1868..	Hamilton ..	R. Robinson....	F. H. Marling..	W. W. Smith	R. Lewis	J. Unsworth....	A. Macgregor ..	W. P. Wastell...	W. F. Clarke. R. Lewis. K. M. Fenwick.
" 9-14, 1869..	Montreal ..	H. D. Powis....	Do. ..	Do.	A. Macgregor ..	D. Macallum ...	J. A. R. Dickson	E. Ebbs.....	
" 8-13, 1870..	Toronto	J. Wood.....	Do. ..	Do.	R. Barker.....	H. Wilkes, D.D.	J. G. Sanderson.	E. Beecher, D.D..	
" 7-12, 1871..	Guelph	G. Cornish, M.A.	E. Ebbs.....	E. Barker..	S. T. Gibbs	T. M. Reikie....	E. Ebbs.....	C. Chapman, M.A.	J. Fraser.
" 5-10, 1872..	Montreal ..	K. M. Fenwick..	W. F. Clarke ..	Do.	R. W. Wallace..	W. M. Peacock..	W. F. Clarke ..	S. G. Dodd	
" 4-9, 1873..	Brantford ..	Enoch Barker ..	J. A. R. Dickson.	W. W. Smith	J. Salmon, B.A.	Enoch Barker ..	S. N. Jackson ..	J. Fraser	B. W. Day.

MINUTES OF THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec.

HELD IN BRANTFORD, JUNE 4TH–10TH, 1873.

The Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec was held, according to adjournment from last year, in the Congregational Church, Brantford, Ontario, at 7.30 p. m. on Wednesday, June 4th, 1873. After devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. William Manchee, the Rev. Enoch Barker preached a sermon from Acts xx. 31— "Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears." The Rev. R. K. Black closed the service with prayer. A short session of the Union was then held, the Rev. K. M. Fenwick in the chair.

The Secretary (pro tem.), Rev. William Hay, brought in a report from the Union Committee, which was adopted. That the following committees be constituted thus:—

Business Committee. — Revds. R. Lewis (convener), C. P. Watson, John Brown, Messrs. James Wilkes, George Robertson, Horace Lyman, and the Secretary of the Union.

Membership Committee.—Revds. E. J. Sherrill (convener), S. N. Jackson, M.D., D. Macallum, and Messrs. George Hague and G. S. Climie.

Examinatoin Committee.—Revds. F. H. Marling (convener), K. M. Fenwick, George Cornish, L L. D., Henry Wilkes, D. D., L L. D.

Nomination Committee.—Revds. J. A. R. Dickson (convener), J. I. Hindley, M.A., J. G. Sanderson, J. Fraser, and Messrs. Norman Hamilton, H. O'Hara and E. Yeigh.

Finance Committee.—Messrs. W. E. Welding (convener), H. G. Grist, S. Cox, Joseph Barber and D. Higgins.

The Rev. John Salmon, B. A., was appointed Minute Secretary.

The members of the Union, delegates from other bodies, and persons invited to sit as honorary members, present at the opening session or subsequently, were as follows:—

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE BRANTFORD UNION.

Rev. E. Barker.
" J. Brown.
" R. Brown.
" J. T. Byrne.
" W. Clark.
" W. F. Clarke.
" G. Cornish, L L. D.
" B. W. Day.
" H. Denny.
" J. A. R. Dickson.
" K. M. Fenwick.
" J. Fraser.
" W. Hay.
" J. Howell.
" J. I. Hindley, M. A.
" S. N. Jackson, M. D.
Rev. S. T. Gibbs.
" R. Lewis.
" D. Macallum.
" F. H. Marling.
" A. McGill.
" J. McKillican.
" W. M. Peacock.
" R. Robinson.
" J. Salmon, B. A.
" J. G. Sanderson.
" E. J. Sherrill.
" W. W. Smith.
" S. Snider.
" J. Unsworth.
" H. Wilkes, D. D. L L. D.
" J. Wood.

DELEGATES FROM CHURCHES.

Alton.—Walter McLellan.
Brantford.—Wm. E. Welding, James Wilkes.
Bowmanville.—H. O'Hara.
Burford.—Henry Cox, Edwin Yeigh.
Cold Springs.—William Eagleton, J. B. Silcox.
Cowansville.—Wm. P. Carter.
Douglas.—Robert Bichan.
Durham.—William McIntosh.
Edgeworth.—John Burgess.
Fergus.—G. S. Armstrong.
Forest.—Martin Watson.
Garafraxa 1st.—Andrew Gerry, George Bain.
Georgetown.—Joseph Barber.
Granby.—Horace Lyman.
Guelph.—Robert Gausby.
Hamilton.—H. G. Grist, A. Alexander.
Indian Lands.—Donald Munro.
Kingston.—George Robertson.
Listowell.—G. S. Climie, A. McMillan.
London.—A. Cosser, J. Marshall.
Manilla.—A. McGregor.
Martintown.—F. Malcolm, P. Christie.
Montreal.—Thomas Robertson, C. R. Black.
Oro.—E. D. Silcox.
Ottawa.—James Jarvis.
Owen Sound.—George Howell.
Paris.—N. Hamilton, H. Hart.
Rugby.—S. Locke.
Sarnia.—A. McLaggan.
Scotland.—Robert Eadie.
Simcoe.—James Martin.
Southwold.—G. Silcox.
Speedside.—J. S. Armstrong.
Stouffville.—J. Blaikie.
Stratford.—George Birch.
Toronto.—(Bond-st.) James Fraser.
" (Northern) George Hague.
" (Zion) David Higgins, S. Grey.
Turnberry—Wm. Akins.
Warwick.—C. Campbell.

DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Rev. R. K. Black, Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.
Rev. F. W. Farris, Canada Presbyterian Church.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Rev. W. H. Heu de Bourck.
" G. T. Colwell.
" E. C. W. McColl.
" F. W. Farris.
" J. M. Smith
" Wm. Manchee.
" D. D. Nighswander.
Rev. D. McGregor.
Dr. Palmer.
Mr. James Davies.
" Alexander Christie, and Students of the Congregational College of B.N.A.

The Rev. W. W. Smith was elected to report for the press, and S. Greey to lead singing during the meetings. On motion by the Rev. John Wood, it was agreed that the sessions be held as follows : from 9 to 12 a.m., 2 till 5.30 p.m.; evening session to commence at 7.30. After prayer by the Rev. Wm. Clarke, the meeting adjourned.

THURSDAY, June 5th, 9 a.m.

The Union spent an hour in prayer and conference. At ten o'clock the Rev. K. M. Fenwick, chairman, delivered the retiring address. The roll was then called and corrected, and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed.

The Union Committee nominated the Rev. Enoch Barker as chairman for the ensuing year, which nomination was unanimously adopted, and Mr. Barker conducted to the chair by Mr. Fenwick.

REPORT OF THE UNION COMMITTEE FOR 1873.

DEAR BRETHREN,—This is our twentieth annual meeting since the union of the Churches east and west was effected, and the fortieth year of our history in these

Provinces. Nine years have passed since we assembled in this town, and we have to congratulate this Church and its Pastor upon the prosperity with which they have been blessed during this period. The old building, burdened with a debt of $1,000, has given place to a new and elegant structure, beautifully furnished and without encumbrance. Are we not justified in hailing this local progress as indicating the general advancement of the body in the Dominion?

We are met for a noble purpose—to review the doings of the past, and devise measures for carrying on the work entrusted to us with success; and it is pleasant to see so many familiar faces, and to unite with so large a number of ministers and delegates in a great work for Christ and our country. It is to be hoped that the Divine Spirit may inspire and direct all our addresses, prayers, discussions and deliverances, that deep impressions and noble resolutions may be made, and that the greatest practical results may be secured.

It is to be regretted that your Committee were deprived of the valuable services of the Secretary, the Rev. W. F. Clarke, inasmuch as they were charged with very special duties in relation to this meeting. Under these circumstances you will kindly excuse the meagreness of this Report, and be content with a brief rehearsal of what you have already heard through the Press.

Death, during the year, has deprived us of the fellowship of some of our most useful men and women. We sorrowfully record the demise of two highly esteemed brethren, the Rev. Thomas Pullar, late of Hamilton, and the Rev. David Dunkerly, of Durham: also the wives of Reverends John Brown, K. M. Fenwick, and James Hay. While deeply sympathizing with these bereaved families, we seem to hear the Master's voice, "Be ye also ready." "Keep yourselves in the love of God, and the patient waiting for Christ."

Removals (See Statistical Reports).—At least nine have occurred since our last anniversary: Reverends R. Brown, from Douglas; James Hay, from Brockville; E. J. Robinson, from Burford; R. Robinson, from Owen Sound; E. Ebbs, from Ottawa; J. G. Sanderson, from Oro; James Douglas, from Lanark; W. F. Clarke, from Guelph; and H. J. Colwell, from Waterloo.

Settlements have been made as follows:—Rev. J. G. Sanderson, at Ottawa; Rev. R. Brown, at Lanark; and Rev. G. T. Colwell, at Danville. In the early part of the year, Rev. W. H. A. Claris was ordained Pastor of the Church at Port Sarnia, and recently the Rev. D. D. Nighswander over that at Granby. The Rev. Joseph Griffith has accepted a call to the Church at Cobourg, and the Rev. D. Macallum has returned from Nova Scotia, and we hope will settle in Ontario.

An Act of Parliament has been obtained for the Incorporation of the Canada Congregational Missionary Society. This will enable the Society to acquire necessary property, and also to use for denominational purposes property of churches that may cease to exist. And as there are a number of disused properties in the country, such as that at Simcoe, Springford, Norwichville, Moore and elsewhere, it seems highly desirable that another Act be applied for, by which they may be transferred by the trustees to this society for the benefit of the body.

A new Trust Deed, a draft of which was submitted by the Union Committee in 1871, and referred to a special committee for revision and amendment in 1872, has been prepared under the professional advice of C. S. Patterson, Esq., Q. C., and, according to the instructions of the Union, copies have been printed, and are now ready for use.

Thanksgiving Day was generally observed by our churches, in concert with the principal Protestant denominations. The 14th November was the time fixed as being most convenient for all parties, though many think an earlier date would be preferable. Your Committee are of the opinion that the Government should be requested to name the last Thursday in November for such holiday, and thus uniformity in its observance would be secured throughout the Continent of America.

Your recommendation that the pastors should preach at least once in the year upon the widespread evils of the drinking usages of society has been generally carried out, and your Committee are able to report that, through the country, the Tem-

perance cause has made gratifying progress. The general press has begun to discuss the subject with respect and earnestness ; Ministers of the Crown and Members of Parliament manifest an interest in its success; and though public opinion may not be fully ripe for a prohibitory law, yet the discussions and reports of our Legislative Assemblies prove that the cause is fast gathering strength, and that the entire abolition of the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors cannot long be delayed.

Your Committee have had under consideration a resolution referred to them by the Union of last year, anent certain changes in the standing rules to secure dispatch of business in these meetings, and give time for the discussion of subjects relating to the prosperity of the body, and the promotion of the Gospel generally. In obedience to these instructions, a programme of business has been prepared and printed for the use of members, which it is hoped will meet your approval, and be found an improvement upon former methods.

It is also recommended that in future the retiring Chairman's address be delivered on Wednesday evening, instead of the annual sermon, and that Rules 2 and 4 be amended accordingly. This will secure the attendance of members at the first meeting, and give a better opportunity to the general public of hearing so important a paper.

The subject of the mode of admitting members to the Union will probably come before you. Whatever method you may see fit to adopt, it does not seem desirable that our membership should be limited by requiring greater uniformity of doctrinal views ; but rather by insisting that such as are received to ministerial connection should be Congregational in feeling and polity through and through. We have not been weakened and hindered as a body by doctrinal differences. Heretics we are well guarded against. We can afford to be very generous in our treatment of those who may not be fully decided upon theological points ; but such as are not sound and enthusiastic in regard to our government and usages do exceedingly trouble us, and none should be introduced to our churches who are ready to sacrifice our principles, and leave our communion, for convenience, position, or emolument. The time has come when our doctrinal basis may be made more liberal and free, and when we shall be more eager to secure men of ability, education, large and rich experiences, and denominational preferences. From among many topics suggested for discussion during the sitting of this convocation, the following have been chosen : " How to increase the interest in the weekly prayer meeting ; " " The presence of the Spirit in the churches ;" "Best Methods of Finance," and " The Christian's duty to the Temperance cause." These, together with Missions, Education of Ministers, Periodicals, Provident Societies and Statistics will demand your earnest attention and prompt and liberal action.

Brethren, let us be grateful for the successes of the past, and hopeful as to the future. Let our hearts be glowing with interest in the great work before us. Let us feel the duty, privilege and necessity of living and labouring for Christ.

The following gentlemen were elected honorary members of the Union : Revds. W. H. Heu de Bourck, G. T. Colwell, Wm. Manchee, D. McGregor, D. D. Nighswander, E. C. W. McColl and students of the Congregational College present, Dr. Palmer, Mr. Jas. Davies.

Mr. Marling moved, and Dr. Wilkes seconded : "That the interim report of the Treasurer be referred to the Finance Committee for audit and completion."

Rev. B. W. Day was elected to act as assistant-secretary.

Moved by Dr. Cornish : " That the cordial thanks of this Union beg iven to the Rev. K. M. Fenwick for his very valuable address, and that he be requested to place it in the hands of the Union Committee for publication ; also that it be an instruction to the Business Committee to make provision that it be an order of the day, as early as possible, that the Union do resolve itself into a committee of the whole, for the discussion of the many important topics referred to in this address." —Carried.

Applications for membership were made by Revs. D. D. Nighswander and Duncan McGregor, G. T. Colwell and the Congregational church at Brigham, Quebec.—Referred to the Membership Committee.

Moved by Rev. F. H. Marling, seconded by Rev. J. McKillican: "That all documents accompanying applications for membership in the Union be read to the Union, and at once referred to the Membership Committee."—Carried. After prayer the Union adjourned till 2 o'clock p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was opened at 2 o'clock; prayer by the Rev. R. Robinson, of Owen Sound. The business was resumed by reading the documents of those ministers who had made application for membership.

Rev. R. K. Black was elected as an honorary member. Prof. Cornish was elected convener of the Business Committee. An application from Rev. H. J. Colwell, for dismissal from the Union, was read.—Referred to the Membership Committee. Rev. J. M. Smith was elected as an honorary member.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association in Brantford, extending an invitation to the ministers and delegates to avail themselves of the use of their rooms during their stay in town. This was referred to the Business Committee. A communication was read from the delegate from the General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church, stating his appointment, and inquiring when he would be received. The Union appointed eleven o'clock on Monday. The meeting adjourned at 3.30 p.m., to give place to the Indian Missionary Society.

EVENING SESSION.

At 7.30 p.m., a designation service was held for setting apart the Rev. Robert Robinson to the work of Missionary among the Indians in Manitoulin and the North Shore. Afterwards addresses were delivered by Rev. R. K. Black, delegate of the Congregational Churches, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, W. H. Heu de Bourck, and R. Lewis, on Aspects of our Missionary Work.

FRIDAY, June 6th, 9 a.m.

An hour was spent in prayer and conference.

The Union convened at ten o'clock, and was opened by singing, and prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Clarke.

THE YEAR BOOK.

The Rev. F. H. Marling said in substance that the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT Publishing Company propose to issue a Congregational Year Book, composed of reports of the Union and other denominational societies, prefaced with reliable information in relation to our churches in Canada, Britain and the United States, to be sold at 10 cents a copy. The several societies to pay for printing a share of the cost proportionate to the space occupied by their reports respectively; and to be at liberty to issue additional copies separately, for their uses, as they may see fit. The edition is proposed to be from two to three thousand copies. A special editor will be appointed to compile the whole. Orders will now be asked, if the plan is approved, for such numbers of copies as the representatives of the churches may undertake to dispose of. It is expected that the Year Book will be issued by the 1st of September. It will be of the same size of page as the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT, and it is recommended that it be bound up with the yearly magazine. The receipt from sales, after defraying the cost of the introductory matter prepared by the special editor, shall be divided among the organizations contributing their reports *pro rata*.

Whereupon the following resolution was moved by Rev. Robert Brown, and seconded by Dr. Wilkes: "That this Union having heard the statements of the Rev. F. H. Marling, touching a plan to combine all the reports of the different

organizations of the denomination, and other information of interest, so as to form a Canadian Congregational Year Book, do most heartily concur in that arrangement."—The resolution was carried.

The Membership Committee made the following report :—

I. That the applications of D. D. Nighswander, D. McGregor, and G. T. Colwell, be acceded to.—Carried.

II. That the Church at Brigham be received.—Carried.

III. That the Rev. J. M. Smith be permitted to withdraw his application for membership.—Carried.

IV. That a letter of dismissal be granted to the Rev. H. J. Colwell, on his removing to Randolph, Vermont.—Carried.

V. That the following names be dropped from the roll of membership : Revds. James Douglas, E. J. Robinson, and D. Dunkerly, who has been called away to his rest, and that the Business Committee be recommended to prepare a resolution of condolence to the bereaved family.—Carried.

The Committee also called the attention of the Union to the names of the following brethren, who have removed from the sphere of this Union :—Revds. E. Ebbs, J. Rogers, A. Wickson, LL.D., and J. Shipperly.

At eleven o'clock the Union adjourned, to give place to the annual meeting of the *Congregational College of B. N. A.*

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3 o'clock, p.m.

The afternoon session was opened by devotional exercises, prayer being offered by the Rev. S. Snider.

The Business Committee presented the docket of business for the afternoon, which was adopted.

The Rev. B. W. Day, of Stouffville, read a paper on "The Spirit in our Churches." The following members of the Union took part in the discussion which ensued :—George Hague, Esq., Revds. John Salmon, B. A., H. Wilkes, D. D., J. A. R. Dickson, R. K. Black, F. H. Marling and J. M. Smith. The hymn beginning "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove," &c., was then sung, after which the Rev. John Fraser led the meeting in prayer.

The Revds. J. T. Byrne and Dr. Wilkes addressed the Union on behalf of the French Canadian Missionary Society. Letters were received from the Ontario and Quebec Prohibitory League, which were referred to the Business Committee ; and from the Revds. J. Rogers, of Vermont, U.S., and E. Ebbs, of Plainfield, Ill., U. S., which were referred to the Membership Committee.

The Rev. James A. R. Dickson was unanimously elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Union.

CANADIAN INDEPENDENT.

The Rev. Dr. H. Wilkes made a statement touching the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT, giving a brief sketch of its progress, and stated that the proprietorship had elected the Rev. S. N. Jackson to the editorship. Mr. Alexander Christie, Revds. F. H. Marling and S. N. Jackson spoke on the same subject. The following resolution was moved by the Rev. W. F. Clarke, seconded by the Rev. John Fraser :—

"That this Union desires to record its grateful sense of the eminent service rendered so long by the Rev. F. H. Marling, as editor of the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT, and its approval of the action taken by the proprietors in the appointment of the Rev. S. N. Jackson, M. D., as his successor, to whom it heartily pledges aid and sympathy and coöperation in the new and arduous duties he has undertaken."—Carried.

The meeting adjourned after prayer by the Rev. R. K. Black.

In the evening the members of the Union were invited to a Social Meeting in basement of the church, by the ladies of the church and congregation, which was highly enjoyed by all ; afterwards the meeting adjourned to the church, when addresses were delivered by the Revds. Dr. Wilkes, John Wood, W. F. Clarke, Wm. Clarke, and W. H. Heu de Bourck, on matters of interest to the body.

SATURDAY, June 7th, 9 o'clock a.m.

The Morning Prayer Meeting was conducted by Rev. J. Unsworth. The chairman of the Business Committee made a report of different items committed to them for consideration :—

I. *Resolved*,—That this Union hereby expresses its earnest sympathy with the family and respect to the memory of the late Rev. David Dunkerley, of Durham, Quebec, who for so many years was the earnest and consistent advocate and representative of the principles of Congregationalism in that Province, and while giving this tribute to his many excellencies, would humbly look to the Great Head of the Church that He may give to us a succession of earnest and efficient labourers in His vineyard.

II. That the members of this Union extend to the Rev. John Brown, Lanark Village, Rev. K. M. Fenwick, of Kingston, and the Rev. James Hay, of Stanstead, their prayerful sympathy with these beloved brethren in their recent and sudden bereavement. They are hereby affectionately commended to the love and care of a covenant-keeping God, with the earnest prayer of all their brethren that they may prove in this severe trial the fulness of the promise of the sacred word, which has declared "My grace is sufficient for thee."

III. That having heard the Rev. J. T. Byrne and the Rev. Dr. Wilkes on behalf of the French Canadian Missionary Society, it is hereby again commended to the churches of our order as an appropriate channel for a portion of their missionary contributions.

IV. That this Union concur with other religious bodies in recommending the observance of the third Thursday in November of each year as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God for yearly blessings.

V. In view of the numerous and wide-spread evils, temporal and spiritual, arising from the drinking usages of the day, this Union looks with pleasure and satisfaction on the efforts of the Ontario and Quebec Prohibitory Leagues and other temperance bodies, for the suppression of a traffic so injurious to the best interests of humanity ; and while rendering to these societies its hearty sympathy and coöperation, hopes in no very distant day to see this successful agent of the Wicked One banished from our land ; and further recommends that the usual temperance sermons be preached on the third Sabbath of December ; also that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the secretaries of the above named Leagues.

VI. That the consideration of the Rev. K. M. Fenwick's address, omitted yesterday, be the order of the day immediately after the statistical narrative on Monday morning, at 10.30.

VII. That, recognizing the importance of systematic benevolence, we recommend to pastors and churches that special reference be made to this subject in all our churches at such time as may be found convenient.

VIII. *Resolved*,—That the Committee of the Union be instructed to prepare and forward to the autumnal meeting of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, an address expressive of our sympathy with our fellow Congregationalists in England, in their struggle for religious equality.

The Nomination Committee made the following report, which was adopted :—

I. That the place of meeting, 1874, be Toronto Northern Congregational Church ; Sunday morning sermon be preached by Rev. John Fraser ; alternate, Dr. Wilkes ; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. J. A. R. Dickson ; Statistical Secretary, Rev. W. W. Smith. That the Committee of the Union be the Chairman and Secretaries of the Union, *ex officio ;* Revds. F. H. Marling, S. N. Jackson, J. Wood, J. Unsworth ; Messrs. G. Hague, James Fraser, Wm. Ashdown, Chas. Whitlaw, H. G. Grist, Joseph Barber.

II. The Committee would also recommend that the old usage be revived of sending a circular letter to all the churches, on some subject of vital interest, and that the Rev. F. H. Marling be the writer, and the subject be the Position and Work of the Congregational Churches in Canada.—This was laid on the table.

The meeting adjourned at an early hour to give place to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund Society.

SUNDAY MORNING, June 8th.

The Rev. S. N. Jackson, M.D., preached in the Congregational Church, from the following text :—Genesis xxviii. 10–12. Rev. Messrs. McKillican, Gibbs, Wood and Mr. Jarvis, of Ottawa, addressed the Sunday School. Rev. John Fraser preached in the evening from Rev. iii. 20. Open air preaching was held in Victoria Square by Revs. J. Salmon, B.A., and Enoch Barker, to whom many listened earnestly. Various pulpits in the town were supplied by members of the Union.

MONDAY MORNING, June 9, 1873.

After the usual devotional meeting, the Union was opened with prayer by Rev. S. Snider. The minutes of Friday and Saturday were read and confirmed after a few suggestions. The Business Committee then reported the subjoined items :—

Resolved,—I. That this Union desires to acknowledge the courtesy of the Young Men's Christian Association for the cordial invitation extended to the members of the Union to avail themselves of the privileges of their Reading Room, and to express its sympathy with that Association in its efforts for the Divine Master.

II. That the Secretary be requested to convey to the several Railway and Steamboat Companies the thanks of this Union for the facilities afforded the ministers and delegates for travelling at reduced rates to and from this meeting.

III. That this Union tenders to Rev. K. M. Fenwick thanks for, and appreciation of, his valuable address, and request that it may be placed in the hands of the Union Committee for publication.

IV. That the ministers and delegates attending the twentieth annual meeting of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec do hereby tender their hearty thanks to the pastor and members of the Congregational church and members of other churches who have extended to us such abounding hospitality, and especially to the ladies who have, with their usual thoughtfulness, added so much to the success of the meeting by their presence and kind attentions.

V. That having received a communication from the Eastern Townships Association on terms of admission to this Union, and recognizing the importance of this subject, it is hereby recommended that the subject be discussed this afternoon, as provided for, but that final action be deferred.

And further, in connection with this subject, the Committee of the Union be requested to provide for the preparation of a paper to be presented at next Annual Meeting on the introduction of ministers to churches.

Rev. E. Barker presented the Narrative and Statistical Reports of the Churches. The delegate, Rev. F. W. Farris, of the Canada Presbyterian Church, was received and heard by the Union. Moved by S. N. Jackson, M.D., seconded by Rev. John Fraser, that Mr. Farris be invited to sit as an honorary member. Rev. D. Macallum was elected chairman of the Membership Committee.

The meeting adjourned at twelve o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Afternoon Session was opened by Mr. Climie engaging in prayer. A communication was read from the New Connexion Methodist Conference, relative to interchanges of delegation ; expressing their sympathy with this Union in its work. The Chairman of the Nomination Committee gave in the following report, which was adopted :

The following to be the delegates to the several bodies named :—

W. M. Conference, 1874, Rev. Dr. Wilkes or W. F. Clarke.

Presbyterian Church of Canada, Rev. K. M. Fenwick or John Wood.

Primitive Methodist Conference, Rev. S. N. Jackson, M.D., or John Salmon.

New Connexion M. Conference, Rev J. Unsworth or W. W. Smith.

General Assembly Canada Presbyterian Church, Rev. F. H. Marling or Wm. Hay.

The Business Committee made the following report, which was adopted :

I. That the Minutes of the present Meeting, the Chairman's address, the Narrative and Statistics, be printed in the proposed C. C. Year Book, and 100 copies separately ; the Chairman, Secretary and Mniute Secretary being a Committee of Publication.

II. That the New Trust Deed, as now finally revised, in the printed proofs presented to the Union, be approved and issued ; and that the thanks of the Union be given to the Committee appointed therefor, who are now discharged.

III. That the recommendation of the Union Committee, that the retiring Chairman's address be delivered on Wednesday evening, in lieu of the Annual Sermon, be concurred in, and that the Standing Rules, two and four, be amended accordingly.

IV. That the Report of the Union Committee, saving the clause referring to the mode of admission into the Union, which is to come up for future discussion, be adopted.

V. That the Union rejoices in the auspicious commencement of the endowment of the Congregational College, B. N. A., and would respectfully suggest to the College Board the desirability of raising not less than $40,000 for this object ; and further, would warmly recommend this important movement to the liberality of the churches.

VI. That Papers be prepared for the next Annual Meeting, on the following topics : (1). "The Introduction of Ministers into the Congregational Body," by Rev. W. F. Clarke, Primary ; Rev. F. H. Marling, Alternate. (2). "The best modes of carrying into effect the Apostolic injunction, 'Let all things be done decently and in order,' in the services of the Sanctuary," by Rev. Dr. Wilkes, Primary ; Rev. Dr. Cornish, Alternate. (3). "On the Scriptural Terms of Admission to Baptism and the Lord's Supper," by Rev. J. Wood and Rev. K. M. Fenwick ; and that, if time allow, the question of "Amusements" be considered in open Conference.

VII. That during the afternoon's Session, reports be called for from the District Secretaries, appointed in 1871, on behalf of the London Missionary Society.

VIII. That time be given for a statement in relation to the book of "Hymns of Praise" issued by Zion Church, Montreal.

IX. *Resolved:* That this Union has listened with much interest and gratification to the greetings of the Canada Presbyterian Church conveyed to us through its delegate, the Rev. F. W. Farris, and desires cordially to reciprocate these expressions of fraternal greetings, and to pray the Great Head of the Church that the people of God of all denominations may be drawn continually more closely together, so that, in the language of prophecy, Ephraim may never more envy Judah nor Judah vex Ephraim, but that our only aim may be with one mind and one soul to glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The retiring Chairman's address was made the subject of conversation, and the following brethren took part :—Messrs. Christie, Robertson, Fraser, Clarke, McKillican, J. M. Smith, Hay, Marling, Black, Wilkes, Fenwick, Barker, Gerrie, and Salmon.

Professor Cornish made a statement concerning a new Hymn Book which had been published in Montreal, now for sale for the use of churches, price forty or fifty cents.

The Business Committee brought in the subjoined report : That at the public meeting, this evening, addresses be delivered, by Rev. F. H. Marling, "On the mutual benefits that may be made to result from the meetings of the Union ;" by Dr. Cornish, "On the new feature of the Provident Fund ;" the presentation of thanks by Rev. Wm. Hay, response by Rev. John Wood.

That the thanks of this Union are due and are hereby tendered to O. Brigham, Esq., for the munificent gift to the Congregational Church at Brigham, of a handsome and commodious edifice, and that the Secretary of the Union convey this expression of appreciation of the noble act of that gentleman.

That the cordial sympathy of this Union is tendered to the widow and family

of the late Rev. Thos. Pullar, pastor of the Congregational Church, Hamilton, and also to the church itself, on the occasion of his sudden removal by death to the rest and reward of the upper sanctuary. Our prayer is that the Lord Himself may comfort and sustain them, and that He who walketh in the midst of the golden candlesticks and holds the stars in His right hand may speedily supply the church with another faithful under-shepherd, who shall again lead them into green pastures and beside the still waters of His grace and truth.

That, whereas the attention of this Union has been called to the fact that the petitions ordered by the meeting of 1871 to be presented to the Legislatures of Ontario and Quebec against the exemption of ecclesiastical property or persons from taxation have not been so presented : Resolved,—That the above-named instructions be renewed to the Chairman and Secretary for the current year.

Motion by the Rev. E. Barker, referred to the Union Committee : That standing rule No. 1 be amended by omitting from the first sentence the clause "Congregational or Independent Churches," and by making the third sentence read thus :—" Candidates be required, in addition to the above-mentioned certificates and statements, to provide satisfactory evidence of having passed through a course of literary and theological training in our College, or one equivalent to it."

Rev. J. Wood moved the following resolution, to be referred to the Union Committee :—That the 12th standing rule shall be altered by the omission of all after the words "if possible," and the insertion of the following :—" Provided always that through its pastor or delegate no church shall receive more than double the amount of its contribution for the year, and that no payment shall be made until after the final adjournment, except with the leave of the Union."

Dr. Wilkes moved, Rev. S. N. Jackson seconded : That the following matter be referred to the Union Committee for consideration, to be reported on at next annual meeting, viz. :—"The claims of ministerial members of the Union who have left the pastorate for other pursuits and are not engaged in any denominational work may have upon the funds of the Union under rule 12."

The meeting adjourned to give place to the Missionary Society.

EVENING SESSION.

Evening Session was opened with prayer by Rev. S. Snider. Rev. F. H. Marling spoke on the "Capabilities of the Union meetings." The Rev. Dr. Cornish spoke on the "New Feature of the Provident Fund," and moved the subjoined resolution, seconded by Dr. Wilkes : "That this Union has heard with much pleasure of the creation of the Retiring Ministers' Fund Branch of the Congregational Provident Fund Society, and would earnestly commend the same to the liberality of the churches."

Rev. Solomon Snider gave an account of his message to the "New Connexion Methodist Conference" as delegate to that body. Rev. W. F. Clarke spoke of his delegation to the Presbyterian and Congregational body, or Convention of Wisconsin. Rev. Wm. Hay spoke on the hospitality of the friends of Brantford. Rev. J. G. Sanderson spoke also on the same subject. Rev. Messrs. Smith and Salmon : the former spoke of his visit to the Wesleyan Conference as a delegate to that body last year. Rev. J. Fraser made a few remarks on the hospitality of the people of Brantford. Rev. J. A. R. Dickson spoke on the importance of the conversion of children in early life. Rev. John Wood replied to the Union for its vote of thanks.

The Business Committee brought in the following resolution :—

"That viewing the wholesale desecration of the Sabbath by the various railway companies throughout the Dominion, and the consequent deprivation of so many persons of the benefit of their weekly rest, the Union appeals to pastors and churches by all suitable means to secure by enforcing existing laws, and seeking for further legislation, to stay the evils, so that the land may enjoy her Sabbaths ; and that the Union Committee be authorized to co-operate with the representatives of other denominations in combined movements for this purpose."—Carried.

The Finance Committee gave in the following report, which was adopted, with thanks to Mr. Welding for his kindness :—

To the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec.

The Finance Committee on Contributions and Expenses of Ministers and Delegates to and from the Union, held in Brantford June 4th, 1873, report as follows :—

Contributions from Churches		$461.85
Expenses of Ministers and Delegates, deducting $1.50 from each	$365.76	
Required to pay sundry accounts	96.09	
	$461.85	$461.85

As per statement in detail annexed.

W. E. WELDING,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

The meeting, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Wilkes, adjourned, to meet in Toronto n June, 1874.

ENOCH BARKER, *Chairman.*
JAMES A. R. DICKSON, *Secretary-Treasurer.*
JOHN SALMON, B.A., *Minute Secretary,*
Committee of Publication.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF CHURCHES.

Alton	$3 00	London	15 00
Amherstburgh	4 75	Lanark Village	3 75
Brantford	12 00	Lennoxville	7 74
Burford	3 50	Montreal Zion	76 00
Bolton	2 50	Montreal East	12 62
Belleville	4 00	Manitoulin and Ruxby	3 25
Cold Springs	5 00	Manilla	6 00
Cobourg	3 00	Owen Sound	9 00
Cowansville	8 25	Ottawa	15 00
Danville	10 00	Paris	7 00
Durham	5 00	Pine Grove	6 00
Douglas	4 00	Quebec	13 00
Erin	2 00	Rugby and Vespra	9 00
Edgeworth	7 30	Stouffville	6 30
Eaton	6 25	Speedside	5 00
Frome	3 00	Sherbrooke	6 00
Fergus	5 00	Sarnia	4 00
Forest	5 45	Scotland	4 00
Guelph	12 00	Toronto Zion	23 33
Garafraxa	2 74	Toronto Bond Street	30 00
Georgetown	4 00	Toronto Northern	10 22
Granby	12 00	Waterloo	2 50
Hamilton	12 00	Warwick	5 55
Howick and Turnberry	5 00	Windsor	3 00
Indian Lands	4 00	Whitby	5 00
Kingston	14 32		
Listowell	6 00	Total	$461 78
Lanark First	7 65		

ADDRESS TO THE UNION, JUNE, 1873.

Rev. K. M. Fenwick, Kingston.

Honoured Brethren,

On the 14th June, 1854, in the City of Montreal, the ministers and delegates of the Congregational churches of Canada met together in fraternal union for the first time. Previous to that date, they had annually assembled in two bands; then they met as a united body. The several missionary organizations were also combined; and thus the year 1854 is rendered memorable as a new era in our denominational history. As chairman of the Union of Canada West, it fell to my lot to preside over the amalgamated union, just formed, until its officers were chosen; and also in that capacity to deliver the inaugural address. Whilst, therefore, only serving one year in the honourable post to which, by your free choice, in June last, I was called, I have the rare honour and responsibility of a second time delivering a chairman's address. This fact naturally suggests a reference to the past, and furnishes a period for review, brief enough to prevent the weariness of extended details, and yet sufficiently long to admit of satisfactory analysis.

Principles require time for their full development; but the short compass allotted to human life narrows the period of public action within a limited space, so that soon the individuals composing any association pass over the stage, new ones enter, and ere long the entire aspect is radically changed.

Slowly and silently this process has been going on with us. How many who hailed with gladness and hope the consummation just referred to, and who were present at the nuptial feast, are no longer with us at our annual gatherings. Out of thirty-eight ministerial members of the Union then present, only one-half remain. Three have removed to the Lower Provinces; eight have left the Dominion, but are still employed elsewhere in preaching the glorious gospel; and eight are now, we trust, "among the spirits of just men made perfect."

What solemn and sacred memories—rendered intense by the recollection of fraternal intercourse and Christian fellowship—hallowed by the prospect of anticipated reunion, cluster round the names of those who have "crossed the flood." Robertson of Sherbrooke, so rich in scriptural thought, wise in counsel, and racy in homely phrase; Miles of Abbotsford, genial and manly—tender, yet bold; Hayden of Coldsprings, simple-hearted and true; Climie of Belleville, ardent, earnest and fearless, yet ever warmly responsive to the affection of his brethren; and Lillie, dear saintly Lillie, lover of wisdom, yet still more ardent lover of men; faithful to his Master, and the father of all his students, from the beginning to the end.

To these, in our "In Memoriam," we have to add Bucher, Buckham and Hiram Wilson, brethren not generally known, yet loved and remembered. Nor can we omit the name of John Roaf, for, although he did not fall in with the denominational changes which we had met in Montreal to complete, and, consequently, was not present, did not less love his brethren, or the cause to which he was conscientiously attached; and a truer, humbler, nobler man never has been amongst us, or one who has done more to secure for the land the rights of religious equality, and the exercise of spiritual freedom. Fathers, brothers, ye have left us, but we shall follow—now, in your footsteps, so far as they were Christ's; soon, in your higher flight, if grace be given to keep us faithful to the end!

One item from our former address, of historical interest, may here be restated, forming, as it does, a fit introduction to our promised review. In 1834, there were only seven Congregational churches throughout Canada; in 1854, there were sixty-two, with a membership of over 2,700. The statistics were not printed till the following year (1855). We will, therefore, adopt the figures of that year as the basis of calculation, and compare them with those of 1872, which will give us a clear space of sixteen years. In 1855, there were 69 churches, the membership

was 2,877, the value of church property $145,520, and the annual income $28,584. In 1872, there were 83 churches, the membership was 4,036, the value of property $286,090, and the annual income $68,701. Thus, in sixteen years, the increase may be thus indicated: churches, 83 against 69, increase 14; membership, 4,036 against 2,877, increase 1,159; value of property, $286,090 against $145,520, increase, $140,570; annual income, $68,701 against $28,584, increase $40,117.

One or two facts, thus evolved, claim our earnest attention.

First, the disproportionately small *increase of churches*. During sixteen years only fourteen churches thus appear as an addition to the roll. Now, we have first to correct the erroneous impression which these figures are unintentionally fitted to leave on any casual reader. On the list of 1855, all the churches in the land, including some who had only a nominal existence, were put down, and, ere 1872, no fewer than 14 of them were removed from the roll, as having only "a name to live." If, therefore, there were 14 reported in 1872 in excess of those on the list in 1855, the actual increase was not 14, but 28. Yet, making due allowance for this and other considerations of the same kind, it is evident that comparatively few churches were formed during the period under consideration.

Are we not at liberty, nay, are we not in duty bound, to inquire into the cause or causes of this want of progress? In the remarks which I am about to make, let it be distinctly understood, that they are intended, not to justify, but merely, in part, to explain the fact before us. All our churches, with one or two exceptions, and until within a very few years, have been small in number, and poor in fortune. They have had a keen struggle for personal existence. A degree of uncertainty has hung over their own power of endurance; and they have often felt so discouraged, that the idea of extension seemed chimerical. Missionary resources, so far as England is concerned, have always been so uncertain, that no safe calculation could possibly be made; pressure after pressure has been brought to bear both on the Committee and on the churches. No settled policy, either by the Colonial Society, or by the Canadian, has ever been earnestly adopted, or steadily pursued.

Occasionally, a spasmodic effort has been made to enlarge the sphere of operations; but as soon as there has been movement, the brakes have been ordered down. In our view, however, the grand cause which has limited our progress has been the want of a sufficient number of suitable labourers for the work. We repeat, *suitable* labourers—men with cultivated minds, and hearts burning with love to Christ—men who understood their principles, and who were prepared to suffer for them—men who loved the land of their adoption, and were willing to make any sacrifice for its spiritual benefit. Such men we *have had*, and, thank God, *still possess;* but had we had more of them, our churches would have been multiplied, and our principles would have taken deeper root. Taking everything into consideration, there is certainly no ground for dismay, or gloom in the retrospect of our progress, so far as the multiplication of churches is concerned. If the 28 churches, organized since 1855, prove by their faith, their patience, and their good works, that they are of the Lord's right hand planting, evidence will not be wanting that real progress has been made; and now that many of our older churches have attained more strength, a larger increase should be aimed at, and intelligently hoped for.

The *second* point demanding notice in the statistical statement just given, is the *rate* of *increase in our membership*. The net increase in 1872 over the membership in 1855, according to the printed tables, was 1,159. An important fact has here, however, to be taken into account. In 1855, out of 69 churches, 59 reported; while in 1872, out of 83 churches, only 60 reported. We have thus 23 unreported churches against 10 in 1855; in other words, we have the membership of 60 churches against 59, with, notwithstanding, an increase of 1,159 members. It will at once be apparent that, although the increase of membership even on this inadequate basis is far from discouraging, it would have been much more satisfactory had we been able to get at the actual membership of the 23 churches, or say of the 13, the net difference of unreported churches of 1855 and 1872.

There are other considerations which must be taken into account in rightly dealing with this matter. It is a well-known fact that, until within the last few years, the number of Congregationalists who have emigrated to Canada has been extremely limited, and, when compared with the accessions gained by other denominations from this source, relatively insignificant. The small number of sister churches in the country, already adverted to, has greatly checked the increase of our membership. The incessant change of population which marks our social history, produced by the removal of persons from one place to another, has, of course, been shared in by those connected with our churches ; and very many, on removing to other parts of the country, have found no church belonging to the body, and have either been absorbed by other denominations or have remained unconnected with any church ; and, in either case, so far as numerical strength is concerned, have been lost to us. Another fact not generally recognized has also operated injuriously on the increase of our membership. In many instances, persons have united with our churches who have not done so from an enlightened conviction of the greater scripturalness of our principles, but from the force of circumstances, or personal attachment to the church or its ministry. Hence, when a change has taken place in the pastorate, or when the individual has gone to another locality, another denomination has been preferred ; and it must be also painfully admitted, that Congregationalists who have belonged to the more influential churches, when they have by removal found themselves confronted with a small and struggling interest, have not only wrecked the legitimate hopes of their suffering brethren, but, by uniting with a more fashionable church, have brought with them weakness, rather than strength, and discouragement, instead of cheer. The progress made, instead of exciting surprise that more has not been gained, when everything is taken into consideration, should rather excite our wonder that so much has been achieved ; and as our churches multiply, and their influence deepens and enlarges, we have reason to believe that our progress will be accelerative.

The *third* and last point, in the statistical statement given, demanding great attention, is the surprising *increase in the pecuniary ability and liberality of the churches.*

It is certainly wonderful to find that, during the period under review, the value of church property should have risen from $145,520 to $286,090 ; that, in other words, the churches should have raised the sum of $140,570 for the erection or improvement of church edifices or of parsonages, within the short space of 16 years. But it is still more wonderful that the *annual* income should have risen from $28,584 in 1855, to $68,701 in 1872. We very much question if any other denomination in the country can present a more satisfactory pecuniary report, or indicate a liberality more munificent.

With no real ground for discouragement from our progress in the past, with a sure footing in all of our cities, and in many of our towns, with no small amount of vigour in our membership, and with the resources and liberality just indicated, it becomes us, as wise men, calmly to realize our mission as a denomination, and by an intelligent survey of our position and prospects, to prepare for patient, earnest and enlightened effort. In doing this, it will be requisite, first, to get at a correct idea of our relative position as co-labourers with other denominations in the work of evangelizing our country. What our mission is, and our obligations to prosecute it with vigour,will naturally follow as legitimate subjects of thought. To furnish an estimate of the actual religious condition of the Dominion, would be by no means an easy task. No one acquainted with the country now supposes that there are large tracts unsupplied with the means of grace. In one form or another the Gospel is preached with more or less regularity throughout the land. No sooner is a given district settled with a population however sparse, than missionary operations are commenced ; and there is more danger of unholy rivalry, and the unseemly jostle of sects pressing forward to occupy the field, than of religious neglect. To suppose from this, however, that

the spiritual condition of the land is of a high order, or that there is no room for the spread and enforcement of Congregational principles, would be to take too much for granted. Of the existence of religious zeal, and of denominational fervour, there can be no doubt. In these respects our Dominion stands almost peerless. Yet, that there may be an intense religious earnestness, and a burning denominational ardour, while the divine life is feeble and practical godliness sadly defective, is, alas ! too frequently painfully evident. It is matter of devout thankfulness to God, that the ordinances of religion are respected, and that a healthy morality to a large extent prevails throughout the land ; and yet it must be admitted, that underneath external reverence for the institutions of the Gospel, there exists a large amount of practical unbelief as to the vital power of Christian truth. The "form of godliness, which denies the power thereof," no less than open infidelity, must be met by the faithful presentation of "the truth as it is in Jesus." To confront and to do battle with this evil, is the common work of all evangelical denominations ; yet with no desire unduly to magnify our office, this, from our standpoint in reference to the spirituality of Christ's Kingdom, and the type of theology which we teach, seems the appropriate, if not the exclusive sphere of our denominational effort.

As no church establishment is recognized in Canada, no invidious distinctions are avowedly acknowledged by the State. So far, all religious bodies are placed on a just equality. It is true that there are certain privileges quietly conferred, and a few favoured positions as quietly reserved for ministers belonging to churches elsewhere in union with the Crown ; and it may be well, ere long, to make this the subject of enquiry and of protest. Nevertheless, we have strong cause for thankfulness that we are saved from the painful duty to which our brethren in England are at present so imperatively called. Not only are we thus exempt from a conflict which, without special precaution, may seriously deaden the piety and lower the spirituality of the combatants ; but we are also freed from a strife which many would gladly represent as an attempt to encroach on rights rendered sacred by inheritance, and to throw firebrands among those who should live together as brethren.

The aim of our body has ever been to cherish fraternal intercourse with all who love the common Lord, and our freedom in this land from the necessity of waging war even in a sacred cause, should excite our gratitude. This, however, should not prevent us from giving expression to our keen sympathy with those who, in the fatherland, are so nobly engaged in the battle of religious equality ; nor can we be insensible to the honour arising from the fact that our Dominion is pointed to by our brethren as at once their precedent and their pattern, in their gigantic struggle for principle and right.

In our endeavour to exemplify the spirit of enlarged fellowship with Christians of all denominations, and to unite with them in Catholic enterprise and effort, it is possible that we may have sometimes verged on an extreme ; our wish to prove the spiritual unity of believers, by admitting brethren from other churches into a participation of our special services, although generally accepted, has not always been reciprocated. It is, to say the least, possible that this desire to show our superiority to sectarian narrowness may have been sometimes misunderstood ; and that it may have been regarded more as an indication of our want of denominational cohesion, or of local feebleness, than of enlarged catholicity. We cannot fail to perceive that the stronger churches around us are adopting a different policy. Their platforms are manned by their own adherents, their ordination services are conducted by their own ministers. Far be it from us to advocate the adoption of any course which would involve us in the meshes of churchly exclusiveness, or which would prevent the cordial expression of fraternal willinghood ; but it is worthy of consideration whether it would not promote our self-respect, our efficiency and our moral influence were we to lay under contribution, more frequently than we do, the services of our *own* brethren in our special work.

Whilst some religious bodies have held up their peculiarities, and emphasized

their differences, Congregationalists have usually put stress on the grand cardinal elements of the common faith. This, doubtless, is the more amiable, and perhaps the more Christian method ; but it has nevertheless done much to make others feel as if we had no distinctive principles of much importance to advocate, and to make them come to regard us as Christian people, somewhat spiritual, but withal shapeless and ill-defined, much in need of their more angular theologies, their centrepetency and their better ordered polities. Indeed, it would appear that the practice referred to has reacted very strongly and very practically on ourselves. Our people have been so impressed with the many points of concord between their own churches and other denominations, and are so reluctant to study the contradistinctive principles, which were wont to be regarded by our predecessors as so sacred, that many of them retain their hold with a feeble hand, and are ready, when the hour of trial comes, to forsake their former moorings. It is, moreover, the studied policy of certain churches to dwell on the points of agreement ; to see no obstacles in the way of actual incorporation, provided always, *our people* are willing to become incorporated.

They would start no difficulties to their reception, indeed would be quite willing to receive them as actual partakers of their inheritance, and full participants of all their rights and privileges ; would, besides, assign them special posts of honour, if they would only lay aside their slight peculiarities, and trifling scruples of conscience, and assume the new family name. So smooth has the road been made, so attractive the proffered home, that not only private members, and ministers of immature experience, but veterans, grey in the service, have changed their ecclesiastical relationship ; not because they had changed their views, but merely to obtain more desirable fields of labour. The transition in their opinion is so slight that conscience has given them no trouble, and the sacred associations of a lifetime have been sacrificed to worldly gain. Every man who, through the force of conviction, is led to alter his church relation, at any age or under any circumstances, deserves respect and honour ; but it is far different with those who, like Esau, for the sake of a mess of pottage, will sell their birthright. It is high time that as churches, and especially as ministers of Christ, we should try our principles by the crucial test of Holy Scripture ; and while cherishing love, unfeigned and pure, to all who love the Lord Jesus ; while giving every man the free and heaven-chartered privilege of thinking for himself, to maintain with boldness the distinctive features of our body ; and to make all men know that we have principles to uphold, authoritative because divine ; and all-important, because needful to the highest form of Christian manhood, and to the spread of spiritual Christianity.

In the direct work of evangelization, our missionary operations claim special attention. During the infancy of most of our churches, help from without is almost invariably indispensable, in administering which great care is requisite. Two evils are mainly to be avoided : on the one hand, through a too indulgent liberality, the relaxation of church effort to obtain the desirable goal of self-support ; and on the other, the prostration of church vigour by a too niggardly parsimony. It is also of prime moment, that the methods adopted, both in granting and diminishing assistance, should be such as to promote the self-respect of the recipients, and to preserve their cordial co-operation, after they have wholly ceased to be dependent. The relation sustained by the churches to the Missionary Society during the early period of their history, may under judicious management become instrumental in educating them in the duty of liberally sustaining their own institutions, and of developing a generous missionary spirit, while under unwise management results the very opposite will be sure to follow.

A good deal has been said as to the limited resources at our command ; and occasionally remarks have been made, which have left the impression that some degree of penuriousness has at times marked their administration. An impartial examination, we are confident, would prove these ideas to be unfounded. The fact is, that hitherto, although there has been little to spare, our missionary resources have been adequate to the actual requirements of the churches. As

previously stated, aggressive movements have been rendered precarious by the uncertainty of our income, and by the want of a definite policy ; nevertheless, grants to fields on the list have been generally proportionate to their relative claims, and invariably made by the general committee in a generous spirit. Indeed there is much less reason to fear that churches have been crippled in their work by inadequate assistance, than that, in some cases, the continuous liberality with which applications have been met, may have somewhat retarded progress towards self-support. If, however, any serious defect has existed in the appropriation of the funds, it has not been in connection with the immediate action of the general committee, but with their more mediate methods of dealing with the mission churches. Possibly more might have been done to excite greater liberality in the support of their pastors, so that smaller grants would have been applied for ; and when a decrease on the amounts sought was felt by the committee to be necessary, it might have been well, by some method of direct appeal to the churches, to have secured a voluntary decreased application, rather than to have sent word that a smaller sum had been voted. These possibilities, however, are much more easily suggested than attained. With our present machinery they can hardly be expected. The local subdivision of labour and of oversight, happily existing, is so far of great value, but more central supervision and labour is evidently required. Please distinctly observe, that we are in these remarks criticising the system of operation, and not the men who have done the work.

The old vexed question of our relation to the Colonial Society need not again be reopened. That is now in process of final solution. It now appears to be a settled fact that this Society has determined to wind up its business in the Dominion. For the money which, for so many years, it has contributed, we are under great obligation. We are thankful for what it has done ; and only regret that the want of a generous cordiality and loving trust on the part of our English benefactors, makes it hard for us to cherish the gratitude which, under our circumstances, the voice of duty demands as imperative.

Should we be able to make up the deficiency occasioned by the annual diminution of the grant from the Colonial Society, so that our churches will not be thereby injured, we will soon realize the object which many of us have so long and so earnestly sought ; and the same vigour will be infused into our missionary operations which invariably attends church life when freedom from help from without is at last gained. It must be confessed that our churches have scarcely increased their contributions to missionary purposes, at the same rate as to their own local objects. Yet it should be remembered, that all advance towards self-support is a real augmentation of missionary contribution. Nor is it unimportant to notice, that the growing expensiveness of living in the Dominion has necessitated the advance in salary, and, consequently, the increase of local contribution. Notwithstanding, reference to facts will show that creditable progress has been made. In 1855, the churches raised for missions, $2,138 ; in 1872, the amount contributed was nearly doubled, being $4,156, a sum which, however, scarcely bears an adequate proportion to the total income of the churches, which, as already stated, amounted to $68,700. The time has arrived when more must be done to increase our missionary income. The resources of the Canadian churches, and their established character for liberality, fully warrant the expectation that should the subject be fairly presented money will be forthcoming to place our operations on a satisfactory footing, without resort to the humiliating extremity of renewed appeal to the Colonial Society.

We now turn from our missions to our college. After full trial, affiliation with McGill University has proven to be a success. A thorough arts education is now within the reach of all our students ; and we sincerely hope, that injudicious haste to take the field will not induce any of them to neglect an opportunity so open and so desirable. Never, in the history of our churches, has the necessity of efficient training and sound culture been more imperative than at the present day. The need of additional labour in the theological department was the subject of earnest discussion at our last annual meeting. The efficient services of our

esteemed Principal, and of Dr. Cornish, deserve, and have secured, our cordial and confiding recognition. Not in depreciation of their able and successful teaching, but in view of the more imposing attractions of American seminaries, and to bring more minds to act on the culture of the students, it was thought desirable to increase the staff of instructors. Additional professors, however advantageous, could not at present be thought of. Indeed, the prospective ability of the churches to maintain the college as it is, in view of the possible withdrawment of the help received from England, was regarded as a grave question. To provide against this emergency, was admitted to be a duty of prime moment. In an address delivered at the annual meeting, we ventured to suggest the propriety of soon making an attempt to endow the Theological Chair. This done, not only would the college itself be placed beyond the risk of serious embarrassment, but a step would be taken to secure ultimately a professorship in the department of Church History, on the Lillie Memorial foundation. Sooner than was anticipated, this important effort has been commenced. A friend in Montreal has nobly set an example by the pledge of $5,000, to be paid on condition, and as soon as the additional sum of $15,000 is subscribed. Dr. Wilkes has already obtained the sum of $2,000, which leaves only $13,000 to be collected. This movement will doubtless commend itself to all the churches, but especially to those to whom the Lord has entrusted ample means, and who are anxious to make such investments of "the Lord's portion" as will be permanently promotive of His cause and kingdom. Not only does this scheme furnish an agency through which a vital and reproductive influence will be exerted on the cause of Christ, by the training of those who will proclaim the Gospel; but, as the money given will be safely invested, and the interest only used, the benefits secured will be transmitted through coming generations. Whoever will take part in this commendable enterprize will, therefore, be permanent benefactors to the denomination and to the Church of Christ. We are growingly convinced that on the efficiency of our Theological College the prosperity of the body will be greatly dependent. But men are wanted—young men of talent, of vigorous character, and of ardent piety. That such may be found amongst us, may surely be presumed, and although no worldly inducements can be offered to excite their consecration to the work, other motives of a nobler order may be legitimately urged. Whilst gladly accepting all who give evidence of fair parts, and sterling piety, and of a call to the ministry, the flower of the churches is at present specially demanded. Happily, there is in process of removal much which in the past seriously discouraged those who occupied situations of secular promise and responsibility from devoting themselves to this high calling. Our churches were, with one or two exceptions, small and feeble, were forced to receive missionary help, and presented no large fields of usefulness. Now the number of those which are self-supporting is greatly increased. Men of superior ability and culture are in demand, and appropriate spheres are frequently open. The time has passed, if it ever existed, when our students were regarded as spiritual paupers, dependent on the liberality of the churches. Certainly those who devote themselves to this work are worthy of double honour. Having relinquished pursuits in which they would have easily earned pecuniary ease and respectability, to engage in service which others are either unfit for or unwilling to undertake, they deserve respect as well as support.

Nevertheless there is another side to this subject. It is no small benefit to receive the education and culture so generously placed within their reach, and certain obligations are thereby doubtless involved. Clearly it is the duty of every one before entering the College to be fully persuaded in his own mind that he is in full accord with the principles of the denomination : without doubt, a subsequent transference to another body involves, as a matter of Christian honour, the duty of refunding the cost of education and support. The same may be said in reference to all who have been induced by any motive to abandon the work of the ministry, after having passed through the College. Even the correctness of hasty removal to the adjoining republic admits of grave ques-

tion; and for a young man to effect this change shortly after he has been ordained would be to place himself in a decidedly wrong position. The College is sustained by Congregationalists, with the intention, open and avowed, of raising up a Canadian Congregational ministry, and those who study under its auspices should feel bound in honour to labour for the churches of our faith and order; and in Canada.

Not that this rule can or should be pressed to an extreme. To the obligations referred to, there are limits—to state them here would be irrelevant. Nor should we ignore the fact that a change of climate and even of denominational connection may occasionally be advantageous, not only to the individuals concerned, but to the denomination itself.

The practical questions touched on in this address have appeared to us so important that we have reluctantly excluded the discussion of principles of weight and moment, which we had hoped to introduce. We cannot however close without adverting to a subject which might have occupied our entire address. Do we apprehend and realize the true mission of Congregationalism in Canada? That we have distinctive principles has been already asserted. Does our main work lie in their illustration and enforcement? That they should be clearly stated, and faithfully practised, is very evident; but that this, in itself, constitutes our mission, we do not believe. The preaching of "the truth as it is in Jesus"—embracing the free offer of salvation through the cross of Christ, and the articulate disclosure of those sublime doctrines on which these offers repose, must ever furnish the grand occupation of our lives. Yet this, although our paramount occupation, is not our distinctive mission. In what then does it consist? We reply, in the practical enforcement and illustration of the spirituality of Christ's kingdom.

When we make the credible evidence of conversion a pre-requisite to church membership, the foundation is laid for the demand of a higher tone of spiritual thought, and a more earnest expression of Christian life than is requisite in most churches. We claim for our principles, where lovingly embraced, the spiritual development of Christian manhood, and the exercise of a self-denying spirituality. The aims kept before us most prominently are not breadth of surface, but depth and intensity; not worldly influence, but religious power; not numerical magnitude, but spiritual force. The words "My kingdom is not of this world," which in circumstances of singular impressiveness fell from the lips of Him whom we acknowledge as our only Master, embody the cardinal maxim on which our principles rest.

The simplicity which marked the service of the house of the Lord in our early history, and which still to a large extent continues, when contrasted with the more elaborate and æsthetic ceremonial of other churches, has been sometimes pointed at as a relic of puritanical severity, and a notable weakness; hence in certain quarters the question has been urged, "Would not a more imposing church service, and a more impressive display of ecclesiastical decoration, be consistent with our principles, and conducive to our success?" To answer this question wisely we should ponder well.

Meeting us at the very threshold, and fundamental to the whole subject, is the enquiry, wherein lies the strength of Congregationalism? Unhesitatingly we reply, in what is often regarded by others, and sometimes even by ourselves, as one of the chief hindrances to our progress, viz., in the sharp line of demarcation which we draw between the church and the world. If this position be correct, and if our churches are to fulfil their true mission, and realize their ideal, it will be, not by the use of meretricious ornament, by worldly pomp or æsthetic display, but by the possession of a living piety—the exercise of a robust spiritual manhood, intelligent, large-hearted, and earnest; and the exemplification of a zeal for the salvation of men, far remote from the eagerness of churchly proselytism on the one hand, and equally distant from the enthusiasm of party bigotry on the other.

Instead of coming down from the vantage ground of the scriptural platform, to move in a sphere more on a level with the world; instead of turning from the vital forces which operate through the simple truths of the cross, and the quicken-

ing energy flowing through the all-conquering activities of sanctified character, to find success in the use of questionable expedients, and attractive accidents in worship, we ought rather to aim at the revival of a deeper spirituality in our churches—glory more exclusively in the cross—place our dependence on the might and grace of the Holy Spirit, and endeavour to bring into full play and potency the sympathies, the energy and the zeal of Christ's sacramental host.

On those here assembled, the chosen leaders and representatives of this host, assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus, to deliberate on the interests of His kingdom, these solemn duties primarily devolve. May we, as we are now met, realize deeply the need of a more entire personal consecration to the service of our Divine Master. May his gracious presence be vouchsafed in such a manner, that on our return to our respective spheres of labour, those whom we represent may take notice of us that we have "been with Jesus, and have learned of Him."

ANNUAL NARRATIVE OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC, AS PRESENTED AT THE MEETING OF UNION IN 1873.

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Looking at the Churches, *first*, separately, we find that *Abbotsford* (Q.), having lost the services of its excellent pastor, Mr. Shipperley, who has removed to Pleasant River, N.S., has fallen under the care of the new pastor of Granby, of which Church it is a "natural branch." We have no other report of its condition, except that it has lost two members. Of *Alton* (O.), we have no notes to indicate improvement; five of its members have been dismissed by letter, and no additions. The small Church of twenty-four members, at *Amherstburg*, shows unmistakable signs of vitality, in their making a move towards purchasing a place of worship, in their raising $175 for an organ, and in an active temperance movement, "that has almost revolutionized the place." *Belleville* has been tried by the loss of some who have removed from the town, and of others who have withdrawn to unite with a new Church of the denomination with which they were formerly identified; but the Church has neither gone into mourning, nor ceased activity. Their S. School is undiminished, and the Church-building has been renovated at a cost of over $250. *Bowmanville* reports an addition of four members, three of them by profession; but gives no further particulars of its condition. *Brantford* has received three new members, and lost six (one by death), but five stand proposed. The place of worship has been much improved, with the usual liberality. The pastor only prays for greater spiritual blessings, which, we trust, are not far distant. The Rev. E. J. Robinson has left *Burford;* and the Church has again sought the services of the Rev. William Hay, under whose loving care it is hoped it may recover from the malady that has severely threatened its health, if not its existence. It is convalescent, but feeble. *Caledon South*, after slumbering for years, has once more revived, and is "rejoicing in hope" under the labours of Mr. James Davies. It has received twelve members by profession. *Churchhill* remains *in statu quo*. *Cobourg* is quickened, and hopes yet, by Divine grace, to become and to do something under the spirited labours of its new pastor, Rev. Joseph Griffith. It has received an addition of seven new members by profession. *Cold-Springs* yet wants a pastor, but has enjoyed the valued services of Mr. E. D. Silcox, student, during his vacation. Three have united with the Church by profession, and two by letter. *Colpoy's Bay* sends no statistics, but still reports that it lives, and in hope. The good pastor of *Cowansville* and *Brigham*, Rev. C. P. Watson, has been severely tried by domestic affliction during the past year—first by the almost fatal illness of Mrs. W., and now by that of his eldest daughter. Though this narrative is necessarily brief, the whole of Mr. W.'s reference to his daughter must be given. He says—"She has

for several years taken a leading part in the S. School, the Church choir, and in all social and religious interests in our community. She was attacked last fall, while in her twenty-second year, by a cancer on the face, which has hitherto baffled all medical treatment. She yet lingers, and has from the first borne her sufferings with calm resignation and wonderful cheerfulness, her daily experience being well expressed by one of her favourite hymns, which she yet sings, although the terrible disease has made sad inroads upon her countenance :—

What though my joys and comforts die,
The Lord, my Saviour, liveth;
What though the darkness gather round,
Songs in the night he giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that refuge clinging;
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

Our brother adds—"These sad afflictions seem to have been graciously overruled for the spiritual good of the Church, and of many others in the community, and have served as new channels through which have flowed to us much Christian sympathy and love." At *Brigham*, the station opened last year with such encouraging prospects, a beautiful Church-building has been erected by the munificence of a friend, and a Church of fifteen members organized. Of this, Mr. Watson, the pastor, says—"They are a united and loving people; and by their earnest labours in the S. School and elsewhere, are making their influence felt for good throughout the village and neighbourhood." Last year, *Danville* was in deep waters; the future was dark, but the light of mercy has shone on them. They have a new pastor, the Rev. Garrance T. Colwell, under whom nearly all of the old Church have rallied, and six new members received on profession. The venerable ex-pastor, Rev. A. J. Parker, still lives to witness this improved state of things. *Douglas* (O.) has had a hard year, during which its late pastor, Rev. R. Brown, resigned. They have had supplies most of the time since, from different sources, but have not yet obtained a pastor. Of *Eaton* (Q.), its beloved pastor, Rev. E. J. Sherrill, writes—"What we most need, pray for and at times enjoy, is the gift of the Holy Ghost. We labour in hope, with some success. Our Sabbath School is growing in interest. We have adopted the International Series of Lessons. 'Brethren, pray for us.'" *Embro* (O.) is a new Church received last year. Rev. G. C. Needham has been ordained over it the past year. It sends us a good record of 450 average attendance, and a membership of 150. *Erin* (North) has been organized this year, and has a membership of nineteen, a Bible class, and a prayer meeting. *Fergus* is trying the plan of probation in the reception of members, taking into full fellowship only those who prove themselves in true sympathy with their profession. Six now stand in this relationship, besides four admitted fully. The pastor of *Fitch Bay* seems to be working as hard as ever, but sends no notes of progress or otherwise. *Forest* and *Warwick*, with the three associated stations, are still all under the care of our iron brother, Rev. J. Salmon, B.A. There has been a considerable moving in Forest, but mostly under the efforts of separatists, so that the organized Churches have shared in but little of the harvest, though our brother has assisted in sowing the seed. He rejoices that his field is able now to dispense with the services of the Missionary Society, which have been so highly valued in the past. The pastor of *Frome* (O.), Rev. J. I. Hindley, M. A., is dampened somewhat in spirits by removals, by illness in his family, with sickness and death in his congregation. He has also been obliged to retire from St. Thomas for want of suitable accommodation. But his people and his God are with him unmistakably. *Garafraxa First* meets with the usual discouragements from the occasional prevailing of the flesh over the spirit. Would that the spirit ever ruled! *Georgetown* (O.), too, cries—"Oh! for a baptism of the Holy Ghost!" Removals, also, are lamented. *Granby* has found the supply of Mr. D. D. Nighswander for the past year so acceptable, that they have had him ordained to their pastorate. With a full Church, and some candidates for membership, he looks hopefully to the future. He has also taken charge of Abbots-

ford since Mr. Shipperley's removal to Nova Scotia. *Guelph* has passed through the serious change of pastorate, the Rev. Wm. Manchee, lately from England, succeeding the Rev. W. F. Clarke. Four additions by profession reported. *Hamilton* reports "the most successful year in the history of the Church, both as regards spiritual and temporal matters; large increase of membership (14 by profession, and 28 by letter), and all the societies in connection, especially the S. School, being large and healthy. But the church is clad in deep mourning on account of the sudden death of its much beloved pastor, the Rev. Thos. Pullar, in February of the present year, under whom God has so much blessed the Church for the past fifteen years! But he now rests. Two of the oldest members have also been removed by death. And, as though the cup was not sufficiently full, Mr. Edgar, the active Supt. of the S. School for very many years, has also left the city for a southern home. But the Great Head of the Church can as easily fill vacancies as make them. *Howick*, *1st* and *2nd*, with *Turnberry*, *Wroxeter*, and two other stations, have for years past been all under the care of our most laborious brother, Rev. S. Snider. But this year he has been aided by a young brother, Mr. Richard Wickett, who has taken a good part of the Howick labour. A new arrangement of the field is certainly imperative, and may now be effected. Another hard-working brother, Rev. W. M. Peacock, reports two churches—those of *Indian Lands* and *Vankleek Hill*. He has both toils and trials; but a sympathizing, co-operating people, with the grace of God, make ample compensation. *Kelvin* (O.) has no pastor, but the place is well filled by Rev. Wm. Hay, the pastor of Scotland. Makes no special report. The Rev. K. M. Fenwick, of *Kingston*, has been called to mourn the death of his partner, Mrs. F.; but He who has comforted in this affliction, has cheered him in his ministerial work; souls have been converted, most of whom will probably unite with the Church after the report will have been made. Only $200 remain of Church debt, against which stands a subscription of $400. The pastor hopes also that, before a year, the property in the rear of the Church edifice, which cost $1,000, will likewise be paid, so that "in March, 1874, when the Church attains its 25th year, it will be able to say—'What hath God wrought?'" *Lanark First* Church, sometimes called the *Middeville and Rosetta* Church, has been without a pastor most of the year. The Rev. R. Brown, late of Douglas, has just entered into charge, and cannot yet report so much work done as work to do. He is pleased to find that nearly all the young men of the place abstain from both liquor and tobacco! In *Lanark Village* we find another pastor bereaved of his partner during the year. Tempted to discouragement at times, and yet cheered again by hopeful appearances. *Listowel.*—No pastor, different supplies, constant trials and anxieties, yet earnest prayer and effort for help. Far better thirst than be dead; relief will come. Mr. E. Rose is at present supplying. The unsettled and anxious feeling under which the pastor of *Manilla*, Rev. D. M'Gregor, laboured last year, has now passed away. The Church is more active, and the S. School is very encouraging. "Death has taken two *choice* members." "On the whole, it has been a year of grace." *Martintown* and *Roxborough*, reported year after year by our faithful brother, Mr. Peter Christie, are still without a pastor, but is having the supply of a student, Mr. Findlay Malcolm, at present. God will probably send the required help here yet. *Meaford* is much discouraged. Supplies have not been blessed in their work. But the Head of the Church lives. "His hand is not shortened," &c. *Melbourne*, *Windsor*, and *Durham* have no pastor, but have enjoyed the services of Mr. Wm. McIntosh, student, last college vacation, and so far during the present. The former pastor of Durham, Rev. David Dunkerley, departed this life on April 6th, at the advanced age of eighty. His "works do follow" him! *Montreal Eastern* Church sends no notes, but figures are good, especially 13 additions. *Montreal* (*Zion*) ditto, with 44 additions. *Oro*, *Rugby*, and *Vespra* have lost their beloved pastor during the year, but have now another provided, Mr. E. D. Silcox, who will, we hope, be a worthy successor of Mr. Sanderson. He begins under good auspices. Rev. J. G. Sanderson has been translated from Oro to *Ottawa*, which was vacant most of the year, except as kept up by supplies. He has, therefore,

little to report as yet, but that he is happy in his new sphere, and much encouraged. "Faint, yet pursuing," is the motto of our good brother in *Owen Sound*. The Church have now, however, lost his excellent services, to be devoted henceforth to the good of the red man. May the Church find as worthy a successor, and brother R. a rich reward in his new field. The Church at *Paris* has had 13 additions by profession; the S. School was never better; congregation too large for the house, so that a new building is designed, and all is encouraging. At *Pinegrove*, the pastor feels "comfortable in outward circumstances," having got into the new parsonage; but yearns after a reviving of God's work. He wants progress as well as peace. At *Thistletown*, his other station, he has laboured hard in special services, but no general revival, though evident good done. The excellent S. School of the place still holds its own. The Church at *Quebec* reported as "in a good state, very much united, and the services well attended. The S. School is well sustained, and a large Bible class." Yet the honoured pastor has to join in the universal lamentation—"removals!" *Sarnia*, at the other extreme, is now, after almost annihilation, wonderfully revived and hopeful. Its pastor, Rev. W. H. Claris, by cottage meetings and otherwise, has gathered a constantly increasing congregation. May the little one become a thousand! 13 additions, 19 altogether in membership. *Saugeen*, an Indian Church, has erected a new church building. *Sherbrooke* rejoices in an addition of 13 by profession and seven by letter; and has been busily engaged in the erection of a commodious lecture-room or "chapel of ease," in rear of the church, as a substitute for the old basement, which was outgrown. The new building cost $1,700, more than half of which is paid, the Sabbath School raising $130, and all the other modern appliances (of a proper nature) for raising money having been brought into demand. The pastor is cheered by the thoughtfulness of the Church in raising his salary $300 during the past three years, and paying his stipend regularly in monthly payments. *Speedside* is again left without a pastor, after two years' faithful service by Rev. M. D. Archer. Has had various supplies since, but desires a pastor. There have been progress and encouragement at *Stouffville;* out of 17 added, 15 have come by profession. S. School and prayer meetings attended to; but more zeal still desired. A new church wanted, and a lot has been purchased towards it. *Stratford* is "growing and hopeful." "The great undertaking of a new Church is reserved for the year 1873." *Tilbury East*, sometimes called *Edgworth*, reports no changes, except that some chapel improvements are contemplated. *Tiverton* reports only figures. Twenty-eight additions at *Bond Street, Toronto*, half by profession. "Sittings nearly all let; peace among us; and some blessing has followed the Word." "For the sixth time, the pastor has received a spontaneous increase of salary!" Progress at *Toronto Northern*: 18 additions, of which 13 by profession. "A good work going on in the S. School. Some young lads have applied for membership, and several young ladies have accepted Jesus. We have just now signs of abundance of rain. Everything is cheering." Besides noting 14 new members by profession, and 22 by letter, added to the good old *Toronto Zion*, the pastor says it has been "a year of marked progress, shown by the activity and liberality of the members. Weekly offerings increased by one-fourth, and collections for denominational and other objects largely in advance of former years. A Young People's Association has proved a decided success." Rev. George Purkis, paster of Waterville (Q.), is just recovering from a long and severe illness of rheumatic fever, and unable to report fully. We close with *Whitby*, the pastor of which Church, Rev. S. T. Gibbs, writes from his new commodious parsonage. The grounds have been improved, and the Church pews are being lined; the whole cost of these repairs and parsonage to be about $1,600. The pastor "superintends the S. School, and reviews the Uniform Lessons."

Secondly.—In grouping the whole together, we cannot withhold our expression of thankfulness to Him without whose help advance in spiritual matters is an impossibility. "Ye are God's husbandry; ye are God's building." The general tone of the return is happy; and though there have been no special seasons of

revival, there has been steady growth. Considering the number of members of our Churches that are lost to our denomination by removal to places where we have no Churches, we may be thankful that there should still be a good net increase. To God be the praise!

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1872—73.

Out of 85 churches on the list, only 69 returns, or partial ones, could be obtained, though in one item, that of the number of church edifices, by referring to former returns, we have gleaned from as many as 76 churches. But in the more important items, such as "total membership" and "total contributions," as many as 17 returns are wanting in the one case and 21 in the other. In the matter also of church property we miss 18 returns. We can do very little by way of comparison with other years when such deficiencies exist. Making all possible allowance for these imperfections, progress is still evident. Notwithstanding the large number of removals this year—240, or 58 more than last year—yet there has been a good total increase—368. Additions, however, have been 51 less than last year. It is singular that, while the number of teachers in the Sabbath-schools is reported as 37 less than last year, the number of scholars should be considerably more than double as many, or 5,464 against 2,333. It is manifest, however, that, from the number of union schools in which our churches engage and for other reasons, the statistics are very incomplete in this particular. There has been such a deficiency in the Bible Class returns that the column is omitted altogether this year. The "ordinary attendance" at the churches shows an aggregate of 9,985—an increase of 1,273 over last year—but it is feared that some report only the average attendance at their principal station, while others give the general attendance of all of their stations; so that this total is unreliable. And in the particular of "total adherents," or hearers, as many as 8 churches give again the same number as average attendance—these we have left wholly blank—while a number of others seem to think it difficult to reckon all their habitual worshippers, and consequently omit the item altogether. We cannot, therefore, place much dependence on this aggregate of 12,114. We have this year 11 chapels uninsured, but only one mentioned as unregistered. The value of church property reported, viz, $306,420, is $20,330 above that of last year. We wished to deduct from this the amount of debt standing on this property, but our blank forms this year made no provision for this item; perhaps they may be altered in this respect in future. There has been a decrease in the moneys raised by the churches this year, so far as the returns show, viz., $64,920.24 against $68,701.20 last year, or $3,780.96 less. But as some of the churches did not begin and end their financial year the same as formerly, viz., from and to May 6th, but, for the sake of convenience and exactness, adopted the church's financial year and account, the comparison in our statistics is not fair. It is presumed, however, that in future they will continue to use the same dates as they have this year.

For further particulars we refer all inquirers to the tables. E. B.

NO. I.—STATISTICS (PERSONAL) OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES. MAY, 1872

CHURCHES.

NAMES.	Organized.	No. Pastoral Sett.	MEMBERSHIP.										SABBATH SCHOOLS.	
			Additions.			Removals.				Present Number.				
			Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Letter.	Cut off or dropped.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Non-Resident.	Teachers and Officers.	Scholars.
* 1 Albion .....Ont.	1845	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2 Alton..... "	1839	6	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	22	32	54	1	12	70
3 Erin (North) "	1872	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	8	11	19	2	.....	....
4 Amherstburg "	.....	2	3	4	7	3	0	0	3	6	18	24	0	5	45
* 5 Arran West "	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
6 Belleville..... "	1859	4	0	0	0	0	3	3	6	12	13	25	1	5	50
7 Bowmanville "	1839	3	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	15	29	44	13	3	30
8 Brantford ... "	1834	4	3	0	3	1	5	0	6	43	79	122	14	16	140
* 9 Brockville.... "	1843	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
*10 Brome..... Q.	1842	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
*11 Waterloo .... "	1836	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
12 Caledon, S. Ont.	1851	4	12	2	14	0	0	0	0	12	17	29	0	.....	....
13 Cobourg ..... "	1835	7	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	6	14	20	0	6	30
14 Cold Springs "	1840	2	3	2	5	1	0	0	1	17	28	45	.....	6	45
*15 Colpoy's Bay "	1858	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
16 Cowansville & Dunham. Q.	1855	6	3	1	4	0	5	0	5	22	42	64	.....	15	120
17 Brigham .... "	1873	1	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	8	15	.....	8	84
18 Danville..... "	1832	3	6	2	8	1	2	0	3	27	47	74	.....	8	59
19 Douglas.....Ont.	1868	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	15	25	40	.....	6	40
20 Garafraxa N. "	1867	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
21 Durham .... Q.	1837	1	6	0	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	....
22 Windsor..... "	1870	1	0	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	.....	.....	....
23 Melbourne... "	1837	5	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	8	50
24 Eaton..... "	1835	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	10	42	52	10	17	120
25 Embro .....Ont.	1872	1	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150	.....	6	60
26 Fergus ..... "	1869	1	4	0	4	0	0	5	5	19	32	51	13	7	70
27 Garafraxa 1st "	1856	4	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	50	56	106	9	7	94
28 Fitch Bay ....Q.	1859	1	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	22	38	60	13	.....	....
29 Forest .....Ont.	1863	3	5	0	5	0	0	3	3	20	19	39	.....	.....	....
30 Warwick .... "	1839	5	4	0	4	2	0	5	7	44	58	102	0	.....	....
31 Frome..... "	1842	5	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	35	44	79	20	11	104
32 Georgetown. "	1842	5	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	18	32	50	9	8	70
33 Church-hill. "	1838	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	.....	59	0	5	30
34 Granby. ..... Q.	1830	10	0	3	3	2	0	0	2	56	79	135	5	9	60
35 Abbotsford. "	1830	1													
36 Guelph..... Ont.	1835	9	4	0	4	3	8	7	18	30	62	92	3	16	150
37 Hamilton. ... "	1835	5	14	28	42	3	4	0	7	72	92	164	3	19	184
*38 Hawkesbury "	1839	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
39 Howick..... "	1861	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	.....	.....	78	1	.....	160
40 Turnberry ... "	1860	2													
41 Indian Lands "	1829	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	19	37	6	3	30
42 VankleekHill "	1839	6	1	1	2	0	3	0	3	12	21	33	2	8	116
*43 Inverness & Megantic ... Q.	1844	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Carried forward	.....	...	83	50	148	20	35	27	82	618	957	1930	125	114	2011

* Churches not returned.

CHURCHES IN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC FOR THE YEAR, –1873.

MINISTERS.

Names.†	Pastor or Supply.	Educated.	Entered Ministry.	Present Settlement.	No. Regular Stations.	No. Sabbath Services.	No. Week-day Services.	Ordinary attendance at all Reg. Stations.	Total Hearers or Adherents.	Baptisms. Infant.	Baptisms. Adult.
Joseph Wheeler	P	Private ..	1839	1845	2	2	0	150	.....	.....	.....
Matthew S. Gray	P	" ...	1857	1871	2	2	1	150	.....	1	.....
J. M. Smith	P	C. Coll. ...	1863	1871	1	2	1	50	80	2	1
.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Richard Lewis	P	C. Coll. ...	1864	1871	1	2	2	50	114	2	0
T. M. Reikie.....	P	Glasgow...	1845	1855	1	3	1	100	.....	.....	.....
John Wood	P	C. Coll.	1853	1853	1	2	2	250	325	5	0
(No Pastor).....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
(No Pastor)	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
James Davies.....	S	Private ...	1872	1872	2	2	2	90	140	5	2
Joseph Griffith.....	P	C. Coll. ...	1873	1873	1	2	1	50	.....	1	0
J. B. Silcox (Student)	S	" ...	.....	.....	1	2	1	100	150	0	0
.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Chas. P. Watson	P	Lincoln....	1857	1866	4	2	.....	130	.....	8	1
Garrance T. Colwell.....	P	Private ...	1856	1873	4	2	3	100	250	.....	1
(No Pastor).....	...	.....	.....	.....	2	2	1	180	250	.....	....
					1	1	0	45	150	.....	.....
Wm. McIntosh (Student).....	S	C. Coll....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 130	.....	.....	.....
E. J. Sherrill.	P	Andover ..	1837	1838	3	3	2	110 100	310	1	.....
G. C. Needham.....	P	.....	1872	1872	1	2	2	450	600	.....	.....
E. Barker	P	C. Coll....	1855	1869	2	2	3	225	450	12	0
L. P. Adams.....	P	Private ...	1840	1854	6	5	2	80	350	1	0
John Salmon, B.A.....	P	Victoria...	1862	1868	5	3	3	270	520	.....	.....
J. I. Hindley, M.A.....	P	C. Coll....	1869	1869	2	3	2	150	250	0	0
Joseph Unsworth	P	Private ...	1848	1853	2	2	1	200	.....	4	0
D. D. Nighswander.....	P	C. Coll....	1873	1873	5	3	3	175	300	0	0
Wm. Manchee (just settled)....	P	Hackney..	1866	1873	1	2	2	200	.....	.....	.....
(No Pastor).....	...	.....	.....	.....	1	2	1	320	600	8	0
(No Pastor).....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Richard Wickett, Asst.....	S	Private ...	.....	.....	6	3	0	400	800	.....	.....
Solomon Snider.....	P	" ...	1841	1866							
W. M. Peacock	P	C. Coll....	1869	1869	2	2	2	245	.....	4	0
— Cox (Student)	S	C. Coll....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	...	.....	.....	.....	59	58	38	4600	5639	54	5

† Names of the Pastors or Supplies *at the close of the year.*

No. I.—Statistics of Congregational Churches.

Names.	Organized.	Sett. No. Pastoral	Membership. Additions. Profession.	Additions. Letter.	Additions. Total.	Removals. Death.	Removals. Letter.	Removals. Cut off or dropped.	Removals. Total.	Present Number. Males.	Present Number. Females.	Present Number. Total.	Non Resident.	Sabbath Schools. Teachers and Officers.	Sabbath Schools. Scholars.
Brought forward.....		...	83	50	148	20	35	27	82	61°	957	1930	125	114	2011
44 Kingston, Ont.	1849	1	3	0	3	2	2	8	12	28	58	86	0	27	190
45 Lanark 1st "	1852	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	52	74	32	15	125
46 Lanark V'ge "	1853	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	.....	.....	37	.....	7	95
47 Listowell ... "	1862	3	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	.....	.....	30	.....	6	40
*48 Molesworth. "	1866	3	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*49 London..... "	1837	8	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
50 Manilla..... "	1845	2	0	1	1	3	2	5	10	21	24	45	.....	6	74
*51 Markham& Unionville "	1844	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
52 Martinto'n & Roxburgh "	1829	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	10	12	22	.....	.....	.....
53 Meaford ... "	1860	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	4	5	9	14	2	.....	.....
54 Montreal E. Q.	1871	1	7	6	13	1	7	5	13	26	44	70	5	20	145
55 " Zion "	1832	3	24	20	44	4	28	4	36	169	275	444	55	69	498
*56N'wDurh'mOnt.	1854	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
57 Oro ..... "	1841	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	30	51	0	6	80
58 Rugby ..... "	1844	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	15	19	34	8	5	40
59 Vespra ..... "	1867	1	3	0	3	0	0	1	1	14	14	28	2	7	50
*60 Osprey..... "	1861	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
61 Ottawa ..... "	1860	3	6	5	11	4	5	6	15	24	43	67	4	10	60
62 Owen Sound "	1855	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	12	28	40	8	5	30
63 Paris ..... "	1848	4	13	0	13	2	2	0	4	38	76	114	5	21	150
64 Pine Grove. "	1841	5	3	3	6	0	3	0	3	17	30	47	2	4	60
65 Thistletown. "	1859	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	6	9	15	2	7	90
66 Quebec.....Q.	1840	5	3	1	4	1	4	0	5	25	52	77	0	5	75
67 Sarnia..... Ont.	1848	7	5	8	13	0	0	0	0	7	12	19	0	8	90
68 Saugeen ... "	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	16
69 Scotland .. "	1835	3	3	0	3	2	1	2	5	47	88	135	.....	10	120
70 Kelvin... ... "	1856	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	6	11	.....	6	70
71 Burford .... "	1836	7	0	0	0	1	5	0	6	24	28	52	0	13	120
72 Sherbrooke. Q.	1835	2	13	7	20	2	4	2	8	49	69	118	20	11	100
*73 Simcoe.... Ont.	1843	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
74 Speedside. "	1843	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	24	35	.....	8	70
*75 St. Andrews Q.	1838	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*76 Stanstead... "	1816	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
77 Stouffville,Ont.	1842	4	15	2	17	0	1	2	3	32	58	90	.....	10	75
78 Stratford.... "	1846	6	8	5	13	0	1	0	1	8	24	32	1	8	60
79 Tilbury, E. "	1860	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	5	16	2	4	25
80 Tiverton ... "	1856	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	11	27	.....	.....	.....
81 Tor'to, Bond Street. Ont.	1849	2	14	14	28	2	4	1	7	81	139	220	15	40	300
82 Tor'to, N. Ont.	1867	2	13	5	18	1	5	0	6	51	95	146	3	46	280
83 " Zion "	1834	5	14	22	36	3	2	3	8	78	103	181	8	24	220
Carried forward.....		...	231	149	395	53	117	69	239	1491	2394	4327	299	522	5359

* No Returns from these 16 Churches.

CHURCHES, &c.—*Continued.*

MINISTERS.

NAMES.	Pastor or Supply.	Educated.	Entered Ministry.	Present Settlement.	No. Regular Stations.	No. Sabbath Services.	No. Week-day Services.	Ordinary attendance at all Reg. Stations.	Total Hearers or Adherents.	BAPTISMS. Infant.	BAPTISMS. Adult.
....	...	.....	.....	.....	59	58	38	4600	5639	54	5
K. M. Fenwick.....	P	C. Coll.	1847	1847	1	2	1	250	300	8	0
Robert Brown.....	P	"	1862	1873	2	2	.....	85	220	.....	...
John Brown.....	P	"	1862	1871	1	2	1	130	.....	4	0
Edwin Rose	S	.....	.....	1873	2	3	1	65	150	. ...	...
....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
R. W. Wallace, B.A	P	"	1872	1872	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...
Dugald McGregor.....	P	Private ...	1839	1857	6	3	1	180	800	7	0
(No Pastor).....	.	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
Finlay Malcolm (Student).....	S	C. Coll ...	.....	.....	2	2	0	100	200	0	0
(Supplies).....	...	....	.....	.....	2	2	1	25	80	... ..	...
John Fraser.....	P	C. Coll ...	1852	1871	1	2	1	100	2000	20	...
Henry Wilkes, D.D., LL.D...	P	Glasgow	1832	1836							
Charles Chapman, M.A..	P	LondonU.	1857	1871	2	4	2	850	105	16	...
D. McGregor, B.A., Assist. (resig'd)	...	C. Coll.	1872	1872							
....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
E. D. Silcox (just settled)	P	C. Coll.	1873	1873	3	3	2	425	.....	5	...
(No Pastor).....	...	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
J. G. Sanderson.....	P	C. Coll.	1860	1873	1	2	1	120	180	6	...
Robert Robinson (just leaving)	P	"	1845	1864	1	2	1	80	100	4	...
W. H. Allworth	P	"	1845	1865	1	2	1	170	200	3	...
W. W. Smith.....	P	Private....	1865	1869	3	3	1	170	190	10	4
H. D. Powis	P	"	1853	1857	1	2	1	200	.....	13	...
W. H. A. Claris.....	P	C. Coll. ...	1872	1872	1	2	2	.....	.....	1	1
John Anjecabo	P	Private ...	.....	... ..	2	2	1	30	70	1	...
William Hay	P S S	C. Coll.	1847	1847 1870 1872	3	3	2	325	580	4	...
Archibald Duff	P	Glasgow...	1841	1862	3	3	1	250	450	10	0
(No Pastor)	...	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
(No Pastor)	...	... .	.....	.....	1	1	1	120	.....	5	0
(No Pastor)	...	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
James Hay.....	...	C. Coll. ...	1852	1873	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
B. W. Day	P	"	1862	1866	4	2	2	150	300	1	3
W. H. Heu de Bourck	P	Homerton	1840	1871	1	2	1	100	140	4	0
William Burgess	P	Private	1849	1860	1	1	1	50	65	3	0
Neil McKinnon.....	P	"	1847	1856	2	2	.....	100	.....	0	...
Francis Henry Marling	P	C. Coll. ..	1849	1854	1	2	2	400	.....	8	2
James A. R. Dickson.....	P	"	1865	1871	3	4	2	350	400	6	0
Samuel N. Jackson, M.D.	P	"	1866	1871	1	2	1	400	600	24	1
....	...	.....	.....	.....	111	120	69	9825	11914	217	16

No. I.—Statistics of Congregational Churches.

Names.	Organized.	No. Pastoral Sett.	Membership.											Sabbath Schools.	
			Additions.			Removals.				Present Number.					
			Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Death.	Letter.	Cut off or dropped.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Non-Resident.	Teachers and Officers.	Scholars.
Brought forward.	.....	....	231	149	395	53	117	69	239	1491	2394	4327	299	522	5359
84 Waterville, Q.	1862	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	17	20	37	0	8	45
85 Whitby, Ont.	1843	6	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	15	25	40	8	11	60
Total '73.....	.....	....	231	150	396	54	117	69	240	1523	2439	4404	307	541	5464
Total '72.....	.....	....	262	185	447	44	93	45	182	1379	2175	4036	302	578	2333
Increase in '73...	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	10	24	24	58	144	264	368	5	.....	3131
Decrease in '73...	.....	....	31	35	51	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	.....
No. of Returns made in the different items.	.....	....	63	63	64	61	61	61	61	59	59	68	48	56	58

CHURCHES, &c.—*Concluded.*

MINISTERS.											
NAMES.	Pastor or Supply.	Educated.	Entered Ministry.	Present Settlement.	No. Regular Stations.	No. Sabbath Services.	No. Week-day Services.	Ordinary attendance at all Reg. Stations.	Total Hearers or Adherents.	BAPTISMS. Infant.	BAPTISMS. Adult.
.....	...	.....	.....	.....	111	120	69	9825	11914	217	16
George Purkis.....	P	Private....	1867	1867	5	3	1	60	200	6	0
Samuel T. Gibbs.....	P	Cheshunt	.....	1868	2	2	2	100	.....	2	0
.....	...	.....	.....	.....	118	125	72	9985	12114	225	16
.....	...	.....	.....	.....	119	119	81	8712	.....	263	35
.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	1273	.....	.....	....
.....	...	.....	.....	....	1	.....	9	.....	.....	38	19
.....		.....	.....	.....	66	66	63	69	45	53	42

No II.—STATISTICS (Financial) OF THE CONGREGATIONAL

May, 1872

Churches.	CHURCH PROPERTY.							
	Church Buildings.							
	Material							
	Brick or Stone.	Wood.	Number.	Sittings.	Uninsured.	Unregistered.	Parsonage.	Improvements made.
*1 Albion ..... Ont.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2 Alton..... "	.....	1	1	200	0	0	4 ac	land] .....
3 Erin (North) .... "	1	.....	1	150	0	1	0	.....
4 Amherstburg .... "	.....	.....	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*5 Arran West..... "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6 Belleville ..... "	.....	1	1	300	0	0	0	Repaired within .....
7 Bowmanville..... "	.....	1	1	200	.....	.....	1	.....
8 Brantford..... "	1	.....	1	500	0	0	0	Church renovated, upholstered and basement re-seated.
*9 Brockville .. .. "	1	.....	1	400	.....	.....	.....	.....
*10 Brome..... ... .. Q.	1	.....	1	200	.....	.....	.....	.....
*11 Waterloo..... "	.....	1	1	200	.....	.....	1	.....
12 Caledon (South) Ont.	.....	.....	0	.....	.....	.....	0	.....
13 Cobourg .... "	.....	1	1	200	0	0	0	.....
14 Cold Springs..... "	.....	1	1	150	0	0	1	.....
*15 Colpoy's Bay. ... "	.....	.....	0	.....	.....	.....	0	.....
16 Cowansville and Dunham ..... Q	1	.....	1	250	0	0	0	Grounds improved.....
17 Brigham..... "	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	0	.....
18 Danville..... "	.....	1	1	350	0	0	0	.....
19 Douglas ... . Ont.	1	.....	1	200	0	0	0	.....
20 Garafraxa, N. "	.....	1	1	100	0	0	0	.....
21 Durham ..... Q.	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
22 Windsor..... "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
23 Melbourne. ..... "	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
24 Eaton .... "	.....	1	1	300	0	0	0	.....
25 Embro..... Ont.	.....	.....	0	.....	.....	.....	0	.....
26 Fergus ..... "	.....	1	1	220	0	0	0	.....
27 Garafraxa 1st. ... "	1	.....	1	200	0	0	0	.....
28 Fitch Bay..... Q.	.....	1	1	300	.....	.....	.....	.....
29 Forest.. ..... Ont.	.....	1	1	200	0	0	1	Improved..... .....[moved.
30 Warwick.. ..... "	1	2	3	600	0	0	.....	Sheds built. Debts all re-
31 Frome..... ..... "	.....	1	1	200	0	0	1	.....
32 Georgetown ..... "	.....	1	1	250	1	0	0	.....
33 Church-hill..... "	.....	1	1	250	1	0	0	.....
34 Granby ..... Q.	...	2	2	400	0	0	1	Burying-ground purchased...
35 Abbotsford ..... "	...						...	.....
36 Guelph..... Ont.	1	.....	1	450	0	0	0	.....
37 Hamilton..... "	1	.....	1	350	0	0	0	.....
*38 Hawkesbury ..... "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
39 Howick ..... "	.....	2	2	280	.....	0	0	.....
40 Turnberry ..... "	.....	1	1	200	.....	0	0	.....
41 Indian Lands .... "	.....	1	1	200	1	0	1	New Parsonage .....
42 Vankleek-hill..... "	1	.....	1	200	1	0	0	.....
*43 Inverness and Megantic..... Q.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Carried forward	12	25	37	8000	4	1	7	.....

* No Returns.

CHURCHES IN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC, FOR THE YEAR, -1873.

Value of Improvements.	Total Value.	Debt on Property.	Net Property.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Local Objects.	General Denominational Objects.	Indian, French and Foreign Missions.	Other Benevolent Objects.	Total.
$	$	$	$	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
.....	.....			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	1600			303 75	22 50	.....	.....	326 25
.....	1700			138 00	20 50	.....	.....	158 50
.....	.....			550 00	10 00	.....	10 00	570 00
.....	.....			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
250	5150			886 78	95 39	2 00	9 00	993 17
.....	3000			466 00	36 00	.....	60 00	562 00
1000	13000			1807 61	221 00	25 00	160 00	2213 61
.....	5000			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	2000			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	800			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	1500			300 00	30 00	30 00	.....	360 00
.....	1200			250 00	50 00	.....	.....	300 00
.....	.....			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
300	3000	Returns incomplete this year.	Returns incomplete this year.	760 00	50 00	.....	50 00	860 00
.....	.....			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	2200			800 00	14 00	.....	75 00	889 00
.....	1600			300 00	20 00	.....	.....	320 00
.....	150			60 00	6 36	.....	.....	66 36
.....	.....			.....	.....	.....	.....	} 500 00
.....	.....			.....	.....	.....	.....	
.....	.....			.....	.....	.....	.....	
.....	2000			456 00	36 00	10 00	44 00	546 00
.....	.....			.....	.....	.....	.....	1000 00
.....	900			311 33	26 75	8 00	13 25	359 33
.....	2000			332 31	35 81	13 05	15 25	396 42
.....	2200			310 00	.....	.....	.....	310 00
.....	1300			266 00	50 00	.....	.....	316 00
.....	3200			594 00	.....	.....	.....	594 00
.....	1800			400 00	100 00	.....	30 00	530 00
.....	1000			600 00	130 00	.....	.....	730 00
.....	600			170 00	12 00	.....	.....	182 00
800	4700			} 1530 00	80 00	.....	50 00	1660 00
.....	600							
1000	11000			1500 00	.....	.....	.....	1500 00
.....	7500			1900 00	414 00	86 00	345 00	2745 00
.....	.....			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	450			190 00	20 00	.....	.....	210 00
.....	500			225 00	23 00	.....	.....	248 00
.....	.....			400 00	40 00	10 00	30 00	480 00
.....	2000			300 00	60 00	.....	60 00	420 00
.....	.....			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3350	83650	.....	.....	16106 78	1603 31	184 05	951 50	19345 64

No. II.—Statistics of Congregational

Churches.	CHURCH PROPERTY.							
	Church Buildings.							
	Material							
	Brick or Stone.	Wood.	Number.	Sittings.	Uninsured.	Unregistered.	Parsonage.	Improvements made.
Brought forward.	12	25	37	8000	4	1	7	
44 Kingston ..... Ont.	1	.....	1	450	0	0	0	Debt almost removed.
45 Lanark 1st ..... "	.....	2	2	220	0	0	1	
46 Lanark Village.. "	.....	1	1	350	1	0	1	Improvements
47 Listowell..... "	.....	1	1	120	0	0	1	
*48 Molesworth ..... "	.....	1	1	120	.....	.....	0	
*49 London ..... "	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
50 Manilla..... "	.....	1	1	300	0	0	0	
*51 Markham and Unionville..... "	.....	2	2	350	.....	.....	.....	
52 Martintown & Roxburgh..... "	1	1	2	500	2	0	0	
53 Meaford ..... "	1	.....	1	200	0	0	0	
54 Montreal, East... Q.	1	.....	1	350	0	0	0	
55 Montreal, Zion... "	2	.....	2	1200	0	0	0	
*56 New Durham...Ont.	Union.		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
57 Oro... ..... "	.....	1	1	250	0	0	0	
58 Rugby..... "	.....	1	1	200	0	.....	0	
59 Vespra..... ..... "	.....	1	1	150	0	0	0	
*60 Osprey ..... "	.....	1	1	100	.....	.....	.....	
61 Ottawa..... "	1	.....	1	300	0	0	0	Improved basement & vestry.
62 Owen Sound..... "	1	.....	1	250	0	0	0	
63 Paris..... "	1	.....	1	300	0	0	1	
64 Pine Grove ..... "	1	.....	1	300	0	0	1	Parsonage completed.....
65 Thistletown . .... "	.....	1	1	200	0	0	0	Chapel renovated .....
66 Quebec..... Q.	1	.....	1	640	0	0	0	
67 Sarnia..... Ont.	1	.....	1	220	1	0	0	
68 Saugeen ..... "	.....	1	1	100	.....	.....	.....	New church erected ... .
69 Scotland..... "	.....	2	2	400	0	0	.....	
70 Kelvin ..... "	.....	1	1	150	0	0	.....	
71 Burford..... "	.....	1	1	200	0	0	1	
72 Sherbrooke..... Q.	1	1	2	600	0	0	0	Built school-room to seat 200.
*73 Simcoe..... Ont.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
74 Speedside ..... "	1	.....	1	220	1	0	1	
*75 St. Andrews .....Q.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
*76 Stanstead ..... "	1	.....	1	300	.....	.....	1	
77 Stouffville..... Ont.	.....	1	1	250	0	0	1	
78 Stratford..... "	.....	1	1	140	0	0	0	
79 Tilbury, East ... "	.....	1	1	60	1	0	0	Improvements in preparation.
80 Tiverton..... "	.....	1	1	250	1	0	0	
81 Toronto, Bond Street..... "	1	.....	1	550	0	0	0	
82 Toronto, N. ..... "	1	1	2	.....	0	0	0	
83 " Zion.... "	1	.....	1	800	0	0	0	New furnaces, costing $300...
Carried forward.	30	50	80	19090	11	1	16	

* No Returns received from these 16 churches.

CHURCHES, &c.—*Continued.*

				CONTRIBUTIONS.				
Value of Improvements.	Total Value.	Debt on Property.	Net Property.	Local Objects.	General Denominational Objects.	Indian, French and Foreign Missions.	Other Benevolent Objects.	Tota
$	$	$	$	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
3750	83650	.....	.....	16106 78	1603 31	184 05	951 50	19345 64
.....	16000			2588 00	433 00	53 00	234 00	3308 00
.....	1700			400 00	40 00	.....	10 00	450 00
.....	4400			400 00	90 00	.....	30 00	520 00
.....	1200			178 00	.....	.....	12 00	190 00
.....	300			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	6720			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	1100			303 55	74 89	15 00	12 00	405 44
.....	1200			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	1800			20 00	14 00	.....	25 00	59 00
.....	1200			22 00	.....	.....	.....	22 00
.....	8000			1200 00	50 23	45 16	9 00	1304 39
.....	52000			9050 00	2125 00	1415 00	3513 00	16103 00
.....	.....			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	1000	Returns incomplete this year.	Returns incomplete this year.	150 00	41 32	.....	10 00	201 32
.....	1000			150 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00
.....	1000			100 75	.....	31 68	.....	132 43
.....	.....			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	9000			1288 97	117 75	27 27	30 00	1463 99
.....	4000			350 00	23 00	.....	.....	373 00
.....	6500			1000 63	359 30	146 77	85 00	1591 70
700	4700			510 00	75 00	5 00	30 00	620 00
.....	800			200 00	10 00	.....	10 00	220 00
800	16800			2000 00	90 00	25 00	28 00	2143 00
.....	.....			232 85	.....	.....	.....	232 85
.....	450			250 00	.....	.....	.....	250 00
.....	3000			525 00	23 00	.....	25 00	573 00
.....	1000			130 00	20 00	.....	10 00	160 00
.....	2600			350 00	30 00	.....	50 00	430 00
.....	9700			2250 00	211 83	135 79	222 00	2819 62
.....	.....			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	1700			396 91	50 68	.....	.....	447 59
.....	.....			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	4400			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
300	2500			600 00	50 00	.....	10 00	660 00
.....	2400			876 26	42 00	24 00	10 50	952 76
.....	300			25 00	36 00	.....	5 00	66 00
.....	300			165 00	23 00	.....	.....	188 00
.....	15000			3000 00	600 00	200 00	800 00	4600 00
.....	12000			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
300	22300			2767 12	485 85	90 00	610 00	3952 97
5450	301720	.....	.....	47586 82	6719 16	2397 72	6732 00	63935 70

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Churches.	CHURCH PROPERTY.							
	Church Buildings.							
	Material							
	Brick or Stone.	Wood.	Number.	Sittings.	Unmsured.	Unregistered.	Parsonage.	Improvements made.
Brought forward.	30	50	80	19090	11	1	16	.....
84 Waterville ..... Ont.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.... [improved.
85 Whitby..... "	.....	1	1	250	0	0	1	Parsonage completed.Grounds
Total for '73	30	51	81	19340	11	1	18	....
Total for '72....	26	40	66	18505	6	3	16	.....
Increase in '73....	4	11	15	835	5	.....	2	.....
Desrease in '73	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....
No. of Returns made in the different items.....	.....	.....	76	67	57	58	63	....

CHURCHES, &c.—*Concluded.*

				CONTRIBUTIONS.				
Value of Improvements.	Total Value.	Debt on Property.	Net Property.	Local Objects.	General Denominational Objects.	Indian, French and Foreign Missions.	Other Benevolent Objects.	Total.
$	$	$	$	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.	$ c.
5450	301720	.....	.....	47586 82	6719 16	2397 72	6732 00	63935 70
.....	700			239 00	40 04	.....	24 00	303 04
.....	4000			573 00	50 50	.....	58 00	681 50
5450	306420	.....	.....	48398 82	6809 70	2397 72	6814 00	64920 24
.....	286090	.....	.....	49562 09	7852 29	1651 00	5435 82	68701 20
.....	20330	.....	.....	.....	.....	746 72	1378 18	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	1163 27	1042 59	.....	.....	3780 96
.....	67	.....	.....	62	53	21	40	64

CONGREGATIONAL UNION EXAMINATIONS.

The first standing rule of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec contains the following clauses :—

"Candidates for admission to the Union from other denominations shall be required, in addition to the above-mentioned certificates [of good moral standing in the body from which they come] and statements [of their views on Christian doctrine and church polity], to produce certificates of having passed through a course of literary and theological training equivalent to that provided by our colleges. Failing this, they shall be required to undergo an examination in the several departments which constitute the theological course of study in the Congregational College of B. N. A. This examination shall be conducted by a Committee of Examiners, consisting of members of this Union, who shall be appointed annually for this special purpose. The said board shall appoint the course of reading, and the mode of conducting the said examination, subject always to the approval of this Union, and shall report the results of the same to the membership committee."

Under these provisions, the Union, at its meeting in Brantford, in June, 1873, appointed Rev. F. H. Marling (Convener), Rev. Dr. Wilkes, Rev. K. M. Fenwick, and Rev. Dr. Cornish such Committee of Examiners, and they have adopted the following plan for conducting the examinations during the year 1873–4 :—

1. They will be held during the week previous to the next Union meeting, and will extend over two days.

2. In Greek, they will be conducted *vivâ voce;* in other subjects by printed questions and written answers, supplemented by oral examinations, if deemed necessary.

3. The following will be the subjects of examination and the text books :—

I. *English Language and Literature.*
Marsh's Hand-book of the English Language.
Shaw's or Collier's, History of English Literature.
English History, Henry VIII. to James II. inclusive. [No text-book prescribed.]

II. *Sacred History.*
Dr. W. Smith's Student's Manual of Old Testament History.
Dr. W. Smith's Student's Manual of New Testament History.

III. *General History.*
White's Nineteen Christian Centuries.

IV. *Greek.*
Gospel by Luke, or Acts, or any easy Greek Author.

V. *Systematic Theology.*
[No text-book.]

VI. *Church History.*—First Three Centuries.
Kurtz, or Mosheim, or Milman's Ancient Christianity.

VII. *Biblical Literature.*
Angus' Bible Hand-Book.

VIII. *Homiletics.*
A written Sermon, or a Theological Essay.

IX. *Church Polity.*
[No text-book.]

F. H. Marling,
Chairman.

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MINUTES

OF THE

ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

CONGREGATIONAL UNION

OF

NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK,

HELD IN YARMOUTH, N. S., SEPT. 6-10, 1873.

WITH STATISTICAL TABLE.

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OFFICERS OF THE UNION FOR 1873-4.

Chairman—Rev. C. Duff.

Secretary—Rev. A. McGregor, Yarmouth, N. S.

Missionary Secretary—Rev. R. K. Black, Milton, Queen's Co., N. S.

Treasurer—James Woodrow, Esq., St. John, N. B.

Committee.

Rev. S. G. Dodd,
" W. Williams,
" S. Sykes,
Hon. F. Tupper,
Isaac Burpee, M.P.
Messrs. Freeman Dennis,
H. P. Bridges,
Isaac N. Cox.

The next Annual Meeting will be held in Sheffield, N. B., in September, 1874.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Congregational Union of Nova Scotia & New Brunswick.

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1. This Corporation shall be called "The Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick."

2. This Corporation shall consist of the persons named in the Acts of Incorporation by the Legislatures of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in the year 1862; of Delegates from Congregational churches that have been recognized and admitted to the fellowship of this Union, such Delegates not to exceed two in number from each church: and of ministers of the same church order, who shall be recognized and admitted as members at the annual meetings of the Union.

3. The Corporation shall have in connection with it an Honorary Membership, with the privilege of a share in its deliberations and business, but without the right to vote. And all officers of this Union, or members of "The Union Committee," or of any of the Committees of the Union, not being members of the Union, shall be considered Honorary Members; and the Union may elect such persons to Honorary Membership for the session as it may deem proper and advisable.

4. This Union is founded on the full recognition of the distinctive principles of Congregational churches, namely: the Scriptural right of every separate church to maintain perfect independence in its government and administration; and, therefore, this Union shall not assume legislative or administrative authority, or in any case become a Court of Appeal.

5. The following are the objects contemplated in its formation:—1. To promote evangelical religion in connection with the Congregational Denomination, especially by such means as Missionary efforts, educating young men for the ministry, and aiding or sustaining weak churches in the body. 2. To cultivate brotherly affection and co-operation in everything relating to the interests of the Associated Churches. 3. To establish fraternal correspondence with similar bodies elsewhere. 4. To obtain accurate statistical information relative to the Congregational churches in these Provinces. 5. To hold consultation on questions of general interest connected with the cause of Christ.

6. To promote the accomplishment of these objects and the general interests of the Union, an Annual Meeting of its members shall be held at such time and place as may be appointed at each Annual Meeting, or, if necessary, by the Committee of the Union.

7. The Presiding Officer shall be a Chairman or President, chosen by the Union from its delegates or personal members in the early part of each Annual Session, and shall also be the Chairman of the Union Committee.

8. The other officers shall be a Secretary, a Missionary Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other members as shall be elected to compose the remainder of the Union Committee.

9. The affairs of this Union, as now incorporated, shall be under the control and management of the Union Committee, consisting of the President or Chairman of the Union, the Treasurer and Secretaries, and such other persons being members of Congregational churches in connection with this Union as shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. The Committee to be under the direction of the

Union, to execute its instructions, prepare a docket of business for its Annual Meeting, and to act for and on behalf of the Union in all matters requiring action between the time of the meetings of the Union, which action shall be subject to the approval of the Union when it meets for business.

10. The Secretary of the Union shall be the Secretary of the Union Committee, and shall have charge of the Books of Records, Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Union, and shall have charge of the general correspondence of the Union, except such correspondence as relates purely to matters of a Missionary character.

11. The Missionary Secretary shall have charge of the correspondence which is purely of a Missionary character.

12. This Union shall meet on the Thursday following the first Sunday in July, of each year, or as near thereto as advisable or practicable, for organization, the Chairman elected the previous year presiding, failing whom one of the officers or members of the Union Committee.

13. All applications for admission to personal membership shall be made through the Secretary, who shall report them to the Union at its Annual Meeting, and be at once referred to the Membership Committee for full enquiry. Upon their report that the evidence of good standing is sufficient and satisfactory, the applicants shall be eligible for immediate admission by unanimous vote; failing to obtain which, they shall stand proposed by consent of the Union (with the privilege of Honorary Membership), until the next Annual Meeting, at which, after a further report from the Membership Committee, they may be fully received by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Union in attendance.

14. A church may depute as its delegate to the Union Meeting, a member who may be in good standing in any other Congregational church.

15. The Union may appoint on its Committees members of churches in connection with the Union, who are not personal members or delegates.

16. Applications shall be made by the Secretary, one month at least before the Annual Meeting, for statistics of the several churches in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and a brief narrative of the state of religion among them, that he may prepare a report for the meeting of the Union.

17. The Secretary shall make an appeal annually to each church connected with the Union, to take up some time in the month preceding the Annual Meeting a collection in aid of its funds. From this source, in addition to the other expenses of the Union, the travelling fares of the Ministerial Members of the Union, and of one delegate from each church contributing for the year, shall be paid in full if possible, the deficiency, if any, being divided by the number of members herein defined as entitled to participate, and the amount of such dividend being deducted from the sum otherwise to be paid to each such member, on the understanding that such ministers and delegates shall remain during the Sessional Meetings, except with leave from the Chair.

18. Delegates from the Union to corresponding bodies, who may fail to fulfil their appointments by personal attendance, shall address the bodies by letter, communicating in substance such information and sentiments as they would furnish if present at the Annual Meeting.

19. The following shall be the present plan of action for promoting mission work in the Provinces, viz :—

1. That each church shall be requested to take up an Annual Collection and Subscriptions.

2. That this Union co-operate in this work with the Colonial Missionary Society, as far as practicable, through the Canadian Congregational Missionary Society.

3. That the Union Committee shall be considered the Missionary Committee in charge of all missionary operations. All applications for aid from the Missionary Funds must be presented to the Committee through the Missionary Secretary, and receive the sanction of the Committee prior to transmission to the General Committee of Canada.

4. That the Committee meet for the transaction of business, Missionary or otherwise, at the meetings of the Union.

5. In order that our Missionary claims may be fully understood by the general Missionary Committee of Canada, and according to express agreement made with this Union, two delegates shall be appointed annually to attend the meetings of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, and the general Missionary Committee of Canada. The expenses of the Missionary Secretary or his substitute to be paid.

6. Pastors receiving aid must send regular reports of their fields of labour every six months to the Missionary Secretary.

20. The expenses of the Secretaries of the Union to attend its meetings shall be paid, except when provided for by Article 17.

21. Alterations may be made in this Constitution by an Annual Meeting, provided that a notice of the proposed alterations shall be given at a previous meeting; and that such alterations shall not be inconsistent with the Acts of Incorporation.

RULES.

1. At the appointed time for the assembling of the Union, the Chair shall be taken by the Chairman, or in his absence by one of the officers of the Union or member of the Union Committee, or failing any of these by a member of the Union.

2. After preliminary devotional exercises the Union shall be called to order.

3. A Minute Secretary shall be appointed, who shall take the minutes during the Session and assist the Secretary.

4. The Secretary shall form a Sessional Roll, containing the names of the personal members attending the session, and the names of delegates appointed to represent the churches, marking opposite the names of such delegates the words "in attendance," or otherwise. A list of Honorary Members shall also be taken.

5. A temporary nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Chairman as soon as the roll is called. This Committee shall, as soon as practicable, report the names of five persons to form a Business Committee, three for a Membership Committee, and three for a Financial Committee. The nominating Committee will name the members of other Committees as soon as convenient.

6. The exercises may be intermingled with singing and prayer, until the Committees are named, and at any time while there is a lull in business or otherwise.

7. The records of the previous Annual Session will be read, and, if correct, approved and signed.

8. The names reported for Committees shall be submitted to the Union by the Chairman for approval or otherwise.

9. The nominations and resolutions submitted by the Business and other Committees will not debar any member from proposing amendments or alterations.

10. An election shall be held for President or Chairman each year. Should there be more than one candidate named, the election shall be by ballot.

11. Reports may be handed in or resolutions offered.

12. Reports and resolutions shall be referred by the Chairman to the respective Committees for consideration before discussion.

13. The Business Committee shall examine the records of the previous session, to see if any business arises out of the minutes of the previous meeting.

14. All meetings shall be considered meetings of the Union, but the evening meetings shall, as far as practicable, be divested of a business character, and more particularly devoted to addresses.

15. The first evening session shall, if practicable, be devoted in part to the address of the retiring Chairman, and may be styled the Public Meeting of the Union.

16. The second meeting shall be devoted, if practicable, to a Missionary Meeting.

17. At each Annual Session a preacher shall be appointed for the next Annual Meeting.

18. The Annual Sermon will be delivered on Sunday morning.

19. Every resolution will be put in writing if required.

20. Every motion or resolution will require a seconder.

21. When a question is under discussion, no motion shall be received except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, division of the question, the previous question, to lay on the table, or yeas and nays—and such motions, except those for amendment, shall not be debatable.

22. An amendment to an amendment can be made.

23. A motion for the amendment of a resolution or amendment shall be in order ; and if carried, the resolution as amended shall then be voted on.

24. Before the Annual Session closes the Secretaries, Treasurer, Union Committee, &c., shall be appointed for the ensuing year.

25. The minutes of each sitting shall be read at the commencement of the following ; and the minutes of the last session at its close.

26. The church in whose locality the Annual Meeting shall be held shall be requested to celebrate the Lord's Supper in connection with the meeting.

27. Unless otherwise provided for, the meetings shall be held each day as follows :—From 9.30 to 12 ; 2 to 5 ; and from 7.30 to 9.30.

28. Alterations in these Rules may be proposed at any sitting, and changes and amendments made by a majority vote.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick,

HELD IN YARMOUTH, N.S., SEPTEMBER 6TH–10TH, 1873.

The Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick commenced its session in Yarmouth, N. S., on Saturday, the 6th September, in the Tabernacle Church, of which the Rev. A. Macgregor is pastor. The Union was organized in the absence of a considerable part of the delegates, the steamer *Linda* not having arrived from St. John, N. B., until Sunday morning.

The Rev. R. K. Black was temporary chairman, and Rev. C. Duff, temporary secretary.

Very little business was transacted on Saturday, and in the evening a ministerial meeting was held at the residence of the Rev. A. Macgregor, and a prayer meeting in the church.

On Sunday the pulpits of Yarmouth and vicinity were occupied by the ministers attending the Union. In the Tabernacle Church the annual sermon of the Union was delivered in the forenoon by the Rev. C. Duff, of Liverpool, N. S., from the text Acts ii, 1-4. In the afternoon, the Sabbath-school children of Yarmouth, to the number of about 500, together with a considerable number of adults, filled the church to overflowing. The pastor of the church occupied the chair, and addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Cameron, Maine ; Rev. Mr. Gurney, Rev. R. K. Black, and Mr John Black, of the Congregational College, Montreal. On Sunday evening the Rev. James Cameron preached a sermon on the Love of Christ, after which the Lord's Supper was administered to a large number of persons of various denominations. At this interesting service addresses were delivered.

On Monday morning a prayer meeting was held at 9 o'clock, after which the chairman of the union, Rev. W. Williams, took the chair, and a full sessional roll was formed as follows :

Personal Members.—Rev. Messrs. C. Duff, R. K. Rlack, A. Macgregor, S. Sykes, S. G. Dodd, W. Williams, J. Whitman, and J. R. Kean.

Delegates.—Yarmouth—Messrs. N. K. Clements and J. D. Dennis. Chebogue —Wilson Healy. Liverpool and Brooklyn—William Anderson and John R. Black. Halifax—R. R. Andrews. Cornwallis—Samuel Bigelow and Isaac N. Cox. Pleasant River—J. Waterman and H. A Freeman. St. John—James Woodrow. Sheffield—H. P. Bridges and Joseph Barker. Keswick Ridge—C. B. Wathen.

Honorary Members.—Rev. James Cameron, of Waterville, Maine ; Rev. J. H. Gurney, of Foxcroft, Maine ; Rev. G. Juchau, of Robbinston, Maine ; Rev. Mr. Milner, of St. Johns, N. F. ; Rev. James Shipperley, of Pleasant River, N. S. ; Mr. M. C. Williams, Chebogue, N. S. ; Mr. Benj. Hermon, Pleasant River, N. S. ; Messrs. Freeman Dennis and Thos. Lewis, of Yarmouth, N. S. ; Rev. Mr. Porter (Baptist), of Yarmouth ; Rev. Mr. Ricker (Free Baptist), of Richmond, Maine ; Rev. Messrs. Wayman and Downey (Free Baptist), of Nova Scotia.

The Secretary presented reports, stating that in accordance with the resolution of the Union he had the Constitution, Rules, Acts of Incorporation, &c., printed in pamphlet form.

A number of reports were submitted, and routine business transacted.

The election of Officers and Union Committee was held, with the following

result :—Rev. C. Duff, Chairman ; Rev. A. Macgregor, Secretary ; Rev. R. K. Black, Missionary Secretary : Mr. James Woodrow, Treasurer ; Revds. Messrs. S. G Dodd, W. Williams and S. Sykes ; Hon. F. Tupper, Isaac Burpee, M. P. ; Messrs. Freeman Dennis, H. P. Bridges and Isaac N. Cox.

The address of the retiring Chairman, Rev. W. Williams, was delivered on Monday forenoon, in which he depicted the discouragements in connection with the Congregational body in the Lower Provinces, as well as the bright and encouraging features, and urged more energy and spirit in our work for the future.

On Monday afternoon an interesting paper was read on "The Communion of the Churches," by the Rev. R. K. Black, which led to an animated discussion in reference to the Independency of the Churches, the mode of carrying on Missionary work in the Provinces and the United States, the system of district conferences or associations, and the duty of the churches to take an interest in each other's welfare, and encourage and assist one another. In these discussions, Rev. Messrs. Dodd, Gurney, Ricker, Cameron and others participated. The discussion was dropped, with the understanding that it would be resumed in connection with the discussion on a paper to be read by Rev. A. Macgregor.

The paper of Mr. Macgregor was introduced on Tuesday, subject, "How best to Work our Mission Fields." After its reading, the Union resolved itself into committee for a free discussion of the subject matter of the two papers, and in Committee on Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening, full expression was given to the feelings of a number. While diversity of opinion was expressed in regard to the best method of working, the feeling to engage in the work in a more aggressive manner than hitherto, was universal. Several fields were pointed out where applications were made for the services of Congregational ministers and assistance from our body. The Committee of the whole reported a resolution, which was adopted, to the effect that the Secretary communicate with the Secretary of the Canadian Congregational Missionary Society, relative to the readjustment of our relations to that Society ; and that Revds. Messrs. Black, Duff, and Macgregor, be appointed delegates to consult with the Canadian Missionary Society in reference to the whole matter.

The other resolution reported was adopted, recommending the ministers and churches to form themselves into local associations.

On Monday afternoon, Rev. Messrs. Cameron and Juchau, delegates, presented the salutations of the Maine Conference of Congregational Churches. Rev. Mr. Gurney, of Maine, also addressed the Union. Rev. Mr. Ricker, Free Baptist, of Maine, and Rev. Mr. Downey, Free Baptist, of Nova Scotia, addressed the Union in a fraternal manner.

During the course of the Session, the following resolution on the educational question was adopted :—

"*Whereas* this Union did in past years repeatedly affirm the principles of unsectarian education as the true principle in communities where the people differ in religious belief ;

"*And Whereas* this Union did petition the Legislatures of the two Provinces for the withdrawal of all denominational grants ;

"*Therefore Resolved*, That this Union heartily sympathises with every effort made to establish or maintain a system of education for the general welfare, free from denominational control, by the Legislatures of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick ;

"*And further Resolved*, That this Union is in full sympathy with every effort to promote the welfare of men, and establish the principles of civil and religious liberty throughout the earth."

The following resolution was adopted on the subject of temperance :—

"*Resolved*, That this Union again reiterates its alarm on account of the prevalence of the use of alcohol or spirituous liquors. And in order that no means may be spared to stay the awful ravages which are now being made by intemperance through the provinces, it is recommended that the ministers preach in favour of the principles of total abstinence, and ask their congregations to assist them by their prayers and example."

The Chairman reported reasons for the discontinuance of the *Congregational Record.*

A resolution was adopted, warmly recommending the *Canadian Independent* to the support of the churches.

Resolved, That This Union reaffirm its confidence in the Congregational College of British North America as most ably conducted, and of incalculable service to our Churches, and would most cordially recommend to the generosity of our people the special effort of the Faculty to raise $40,000 to endow a Chair of Theology.

Resolved, That the Union Committee prepare a memorial to the College Board, relative to the propriety of a special arrangement for a partial course for young men applying for it, in view of the prospect of labouring in the Maritime Provinces.

Resolved, That this Union recommend to the Churches that a collection be taken up the last Sabbath of the year on behalf the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

Rev. J. R. Kean was requested to prepare a paper for next Annual Session on the subject, "How can inactive members be roused." Rev. Mr. Dodd on the subject, "Temptations to the Christian peculiar to the Times."

The Rev. Mr. Shipperley, of Pleasant River, N. S., was received into the Union as a personal member.

Rev. Messrs. Duff, Black and Macgregor were appointed delegates to the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec; Rev. Messrs. Duff and Black to the Maine Conference; Rev. Mr. Macgregor and Mr. Freeman Dennis to the Free Baptist Association.

On Tuesday afternoon, an interesting paper on "Church Finances" was read by Freeman Dennis, Esq., of Yarmouth, in which he advocated the "weekly offering" system, and the giving by each person the one-tenth of the income to the Lord's service.

One of the pleasant features of these sessions was the attendance in considerable numbers at the morning and afternoon sessions of the people of the Yarmouth congregation and the friends in attendance.

On Monday evening there was a large gathering at the Missionary Meeting. The chair was taken by H. P. Bridges, Esq. Reports were given by the Missionary Secretary, Secretary and Treasurer; and addresses delivered by Rev. Mr. Juchau, Rev. Mr. Shipperley and Rev. Mr. Milner.

From the report of the Secretary it appeared that there are 14 Congregational Churches in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, with 1,100 members. And the Rev. Mr. Milner reported a membership of about 150 members in St. John's, Newfoundland, with two missionaries in outside districts.

On Tuesday evening, the Social Gathering of the Yarmouth Church and congregation was held, to which the members of the Union and friends in attendance were invited. An invitation was also extended to participate in the Sabbath School Pic-Nic on Wednesday.

On Tuesday evening, at the social gathering, after refreshments, the chair was taken by the Rev. A. Macgregor, and addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Milner, Kean, Cameron and Gurney, and Rev. Mr. Porter (Baptist).

On Wednesday the weather was very fine, and about sixty carriage loads were taken to the farm of Captain N. K. Clements, at High Head, some eight miles distant. At this place a sumptuous repast was partaken of, and the day was spent in the usual pic-nic way, with nothing to mar the enjoyment of the occasion.

After the regular Church Prayer Meeting, on Wednesday evening, the Union resumed. Reports were heard from the churches, missionary matters were discussed, warm expressions of acknowledgment given to the friends in Yarmouth, for their generous hospitality, and the Session closed to meet in Sheffield, N.B., in September, 1874.

On Thursday, nearly all the members of the Union accepted invitations to visit the ancient Church of Chebogue, about five miles distant, where the Rev. M. C. Williams was ordained in the afternoon, and a social gathering was held in the evening.

STATISTICS (PERSONAL) OF CONGREGATIONAL CHUR
THE YEAR ENDING

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Organized.	No. of Pastoral Settlements of Church.	MINISTERS.	Trained.	Entered Ministry.	Date of present Settlement.	CON	
							Regular Stations.	Sabbath Services.
1 Cardigan, N.B.	1819	.....	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2 Chebogue, N.S.	1766	.....	Rev. M. C. Williams	.....	1873	1873	1	2
3 Cornwallis, N.S.	1819	.....	Rev. Jacob Whitman	Gorham Coll..	1846	1870	3	2
4 Halifax, N.S.	.....	.....	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	1	2
5 Keswick Ridge, N.B..	1826	.....	Rev. Simeon Sykes...	.....	1864	1873	3	2
6 Liverpool, N.S.	1761	.....	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	1	2
7 Do, Brooklyn Branch.	.....	.....	Rev. Charles Duff ...	Cong. Coll. ...	1862	1869	2	2
8 Maitland & Noel, N.S.	1871	.....	Rev. J. R. Kean, S.S.	.....	.....	.....	5	2
9 N. E. Margaree, N.S.	1823	.....	Vacant	.....	.....	.....	1	2
10 Milton, N.S.	1855	.....	Rev. R. K. Black	Cong. Coll. ...	1852	1864	1	2
11 Pleasant River, N.S...	1846	.....	Rev. Jas. Shipperley	.....	1872	1873	4	2
12 Sheffield, N.B.	1762	.....	Rev. W. Williams ...	.....	1871	1871	1	2
13 St. John, N.B.	1844	.....	Rev. S. G. Dodd.....	U. S.	.....	1869	1	2
14 Yarmouth, N.S.	.....	.....	Rev. Alex. Macgregor	Cong. Coll. ...	1863	1871	1	2

CHES IN NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK, FOR JUNE 30TH, 1873.

GREGATIONS.				MEMBERSHIP.											Bap-tisms.		Sabbath Schools.	
				ADDITIONS.			REMOVALS.				PRESENT NOS.							
Week-day do.	Monthly or Fortnightly do.	Attendance at Chief Station.	At all Stations.	By Profession.	By Letter.	Total.	By Death.	By Letter.	Cut off or dropped.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	Non-resident.	Infant.	Adult.	Teachers and Officers.	Scholars on Roll.
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	5	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
1	.....	90	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	44	60	8	.....	.....	6	40
1	.....	50	100	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	50	59	109	10	.....	.....	22	160
1	.....	50	50	.....	2	2	1	8	.....	9	15	21	36	3	.....	.....	3	30
2	.....	180	250	4	.....	4	1	.....	.....	1	28	35	63	8	.....	.....	8	100
1	.....	75	75	2	1	3	1	.....	.....	1	18	29	47	2	.....	.....	7	65
.....	.....	250	140	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	61	90	151	2	.....	.....	21	200
.....	.....	200	500	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	3	48	99	147	10	.....	.....	10	100
1	.....	100	100	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	16	38	54	5	.....	.....	8	60
2	.....	100	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	38	53	10	.....	.....	10	70
2	.....	100	500	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	27	42	10	.....	.....	13	120
1	1	70	100	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	27	37	64	15	.....	.....	5	32
1	.....	250	250	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	34	57	91	15	.....	.....	16	120
2	.....	250	250	8	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	40	80	15	.....	.....	11	80

STATISTICS (FINANCIAL) OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK, FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1873.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	CHURCH PROPERTY.									CONTRIBUTIONS IN DOLLARS.				
	Church Buildings.	Material.	Sittings.	Parsonage	Land attached.	Value of Church Property.	Changes.	Is property Insured?	Deeds Registered?	Local Objects.	Denominational Objects.	Foreign and other Missions.	Benevolent Objects.	Total.
						$								
1 Cardigan, N.B.														
2 Chebogue, N.S.			200			3200				437	20	3		
3 Cornwallis, N.S.	1	Wood	300	Yes		2000		No		450				
4 Halifax, N.S.			750			4000		Yes		333				
5 Keswick Ridge, N.B.	1	Wood	200	Yes		600				300		7		
6 Liverpool, N.S.						3500				350				
7 Do, Brooklyn Branch		Wood	500			4000								
8 Maitland and Noel, N.S.			800			3000		No						
9 N. E. Margaree, N.S.			200			800		No		40		4		
10 Milton, N.S.			300			4000		No		500	18	112		
11 Pleasant River, N.S.	1		300			1000		No		95		10		
12 Sheffield, N.S.	1	Wood	200	Yes		2400		No		900	18	82		
13 St. John, N.B.	1		450			20000		Yes		2220	26	50		
14 Yarmouth, N.S.	1	Wood	400	Yes		26000		Yes		2600	65	130		

CHANGES DURING THE YEAR.—Rev. Simeon Sykes, from Pleasant River to Keswick Ridge.
Rev. James Shipperley, from Abbotsford, Q., to Pleasant River, N.S.
Rev. Joseph Elliot, resigned charge in Halifax, N.S.
Rev. Jacob McLellan, resigned charge in Maitland and Noel.
Rev. J. R. Kean, supply of Maitland and Noel.
Rev. M. C. Williams, from Jersey, Eng., to Chebogue, N.S.
Rev. J. G. Leavitt, from Orono, Me., to Milltown, St. Stephen, N.B.

ORDINATION.—Rev. M. C. Williams, in Chebogue, N.S., 11th September, 1873.

DEATHS.—Rev. James Melvin, Pastor of the Church in Liverpool, N.S., died at his residence June 7th, 1873, at the age of 73 years. Mr. Melvin was originally a Free Baptist, but becoming a Congregationalist, was senior Pastor of the Church in Liverpool, N.S., from 1836 until the time of his death.

At Milltown, St. Stephen, N.B., Nov. 16th, 1872, Rev. Edgar L. Foster, Pastor of the Church in Milltown, aged 34 years. Deceased was a native of Machias, Me., a graduate of Amherst College and of Bangor Seminary. He was ordained Pastor of the Church in Milltown in 1867. The fruits of his pastorate in St. Stephen are abundant. Mr. Foster was a member of the Maine Conference of Congregational Churches.

WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.—Rev. Jacob McLellan; residence, Noel, N.S.

THE SIXTEENTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Congregational Provident Fund Society,

(Late the Congregational Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund Society,)

PRESENTED AT THE

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L. Cushing,
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BY-LAWS

OF THE

CONGREGATIONAL PROVIDENT FUND SOCIETY,

AMENDED AND ENLARGED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, 1873.

GENERAL BY-LAWS

I.—MEMBERSHIP.

The Members of the Society shall be :

1. *As Beneficiary Members.*—Ministers duly received by the Society, through either of the branches , hereinafter mentioned, and retaining their Membership in connection with either fund in accordance with its By-Laws.

2. *As Life Members.*—Any persons not being Beneficiary Members, who shall have paid to the fund Fifty dollars at one time.

3. *As Annual Members.*—Churches collecting for the fund, to be represented at the Annual Meeting, or at any special meeting held in the year following the payment of their collection, by one delegate, who shall not be a Beneficiary Member.

II.—ADMISSION OF BENEFICIARY MEMBERS.

1. Any Congregational Minister in British North America who is in good standing in the denomination, and the Pastor of a Congregational Church, or a Missionary, or a Professor in the Congregational College of British North America, may be admitted as a Beneficiary Member of either branch of the fund by a majority of four-fifths of the Members present and voting by ballot at the next annual meeting of the Society.

III.—TERMINATION OF BENEFICIARY MEMBERSHIP.

1. Any Beneficiary Member not an annuitant ceasing to reside in British North America shall thereby lose beneficiary claim on either fund, but the amount of his annual subscription to the Widows' and Orphans' fund shall be placed to the credit of his family under the condition of Article No. 13, then to accumulate with interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum until his death, when it shall be paid to such person or persons as may be lawfully entitled to receive it. Beneficiary Members of the Retiring Fund, ceasing to reside in British North America, shall cease to have beneficiary claim, but may in special cases receive relief from the fund to the amount of their subscriptions to the fund.

1. Any Beneficiary Member leaving the Ministry (except in case of infirmity or old age) or the denomination, or ceasing to be in good standing, shall thereby forfeit all claim upon the fund, but shall be entitled to receive back the amount he has paid into it without interest.

IV.—READMISSION OF BENEFICIARY MEMBERS.

Any Member returning to British North America (if permitted to resume his connection with the Widows' and Orphans' Fund) shall pay an additional annual rate of 20 cents per annum for each year of his absence and the amount accumulated to the credit of his family shall relapse to the fund.

2. Any Member resuming his connection with the Pastor Retiring Fund shall do so on conditions to be arranged by the Directors.

3. Any Beneficiary Member a Widower, remarrying, shall be required to inform the Directors of his wife's age, and if in their opinion the risk to the Fund is thereby increased, shall be liable to pay such an increase of his annual subscription as will cover the proportional increase of his risk.

V.—MEETINGS.

1. An annual meeting of the Society shall be held at the same time and place as that of the Congregational Union of Canada, at which a report from the Directors and the Treasurer's accounts shall be presented, Directors elected for the ensuing year, new Members admitted, and any other general business of the Society transacted.

2. Special meetings of the Society may be held at its pleasure, expressed at any meeting thereof, or at the call of the Directors.

3. Beneficiary Members in connection with either branch of the Fund shall be entitled to attend and vote at all meetings of the Society.

4. In case of a Division, a majority of two-thirds shall be necessary to constitute a Vote.

VI.—MANAGEMENT.

1. The fund of the Society shall be held and managed by a Board of ten Directors, (five to form a quorum,) residing in or near the City of Montreal, to be elected annually by the Society.

2. The Directors, when elected, shall, from their own number, choose a Chairman, Deputy-Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary, and may make such standing rules for their own guidance (not being inconsistent with the Act of Incorporation, and its amendments or By-Laws), as they may deem needful, subject to the approval of the Society at the next annual meeting.

3. They shall also have power to fill vacancies in their own number, shall be eligible for re-election, and shall hold office until their successors are appointed and assume their duties.

VII.—INCOME AND INVESTMENTS.

1. The Funds of the Society shall be derived from Annual Church Collections, Subscriptions, Donations and Legacies, the rates paid by Beneficiary Members, and the proceeds of investments.

2. The amount received from Church Collections, or otherwise contributed for the general purposes of the Society, shall be divided, half to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and half to the Retiring Ministers' Fund; but money contributed from any source, and especially designated for either Fund, shall be so applied.

3. The Fund shall be invested only in undoubted securities, to be held on the Society's behalf by the Chairman or Deputy-Chairman and the Treasurer in the name of the Incorporated Society.

4. Any investment or transfer from one investment to another, shall be made only with the written consent of six members of the Board.

5. The Treasurer shall give such security to the Board for the funds in his possession, as they may from time to time require.

VIII.—DISPUTED CASES.

In the case of any dispute arising between Beneficiary Members or annuitants, and the Directors of the Society, each party shall choose an arbitrator, and these if necessary an umpire, whose decision shall be final.

IX.—REVISAL OF RATES AND ANNUITIES.

The amount of the rates of premium and annuities shall be reconsidered at each fifth annual meeting reckoning from that held in 1863, and should any re-adjustment be needed such re-adjustment shall not be deemed to be a violation of good faith by any parties whatsoever.

X.—ALTERATION OF BY-LAWS.

The By-Laws of the Society may be enacted, amended or repealed at any Annual Meeting, provided that notice to such effect has been given at the previous Annual Meeting. But this shall not apply to the case provided for in By-Law IX.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND BRANCH.

XI.—WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

1. From the Fund heretofore belonging to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund Society, the snm of Ten Thousand Dollars shall be set apart as an endowment for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund Branch, the interest only of which shall be available toward the payment of annuities.
2. The Balance of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund together with subscriptions of Beneficiary Members and available proceeds of Church Collections, Subscriptions, Legacies, &c., with interest, and the interest of the Endowment Fund, shall be placed to the credit of an account to be called the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and shall be available for payment of all annuities as prescribed under By-Law No. 13.

XII.—BENEFICIARY SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The following shall be the scale of rates payable annually by Beneficiary Members of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund Branch :

1. By those received under thirty years of age, and by Alumni of the Congregational College of B.N. America, subscribing within twelve months from the date of their ordination, Ten Dollars.
2. By those received over thirty and under forty years of age, Twelve Dollars.
3. By those received over forty and under fifty years of age, Fourteen Dollars.
4. By those received over fifty and under sixty years of age, Sixteen Dollars.
5. By those received over sixty years of age, such a special rate as may be agreed to by the Society.
6. All subscriptions to be payable semi-annually on the 1st of January and July, and if not paid within 3 months, to be subject to a fine of one dollar. If not paid within 12 months, due notice having been given by the trustees, the Minister so in arrears shall be held to have withdrawn from connection with the fund.

XIII.—ANNUITIES.

There shall be paid from the funds of the Society to the families of the Beneficiary Members the following Annuities :—

1. To their Widows for life or until re-marriage, One Hundred Dollars.
2. To their Widows for each Son under the age of 16 years, and for each Daughter under the age of 18 years, Twenty Dollars, but Forty Dollars for the youngest child.
3. To Guardians on behalf of Orphans, Forty Dollars for the youngest, and Thirty Dollars for each other child, until they attain the ages mentioned in the preceding section, provided nevertheless that the Directors shall have power to delay such payments to Guardians until they are satisfied that they will be properly applied.

4. It shall be competent for the Society, on recommendation of the Directors, to make a special grant to the Widow or Orphans of any Congregational Minister —not a Beneficiary Member.

RETIRING MINISTERS' FUND BRANCH.

XIV.—BENEFICIARY SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The following shall be the scale of rates payable annually by Beneficiary Members of the Retiring Ministers' Fund :—

1. By those received under 30 years of age, and by Alumni of the Congregational College of British North America, subscribing within 12 months from the date of their ordination, Four Dollars per Annum.
2. Those received over 30 and under 35 years of age, Five Dollars per Annum.
3. Those received over 35 and under 40 years of age, Six Dollars per Annum.
4. Those received over 40 and under 45 years of age, Seven Dollars per Annum.
5. Those received over 45 and under 50 years of age, Eight Dollars per Annum.
6. Ministers over 50 years of age shall be received only on such terms as the Directors may agree to.

XV.—EQUITABLE FUND.

The subscriptions of Beneficiary Members shall be placed to the credit of an account to be called the "Equitable Fund," together with proportion of interest derived therefrom.

XVI.—EQUITABLE ANNUITY.

1. Beneficiary Members of this Branch having attained the age of 65 years' and having through infirmity been compelled to resign the active duties of the ministry, shall be entitled to an annuity of $100 for life, payable quarterly, from the Equitable Fund ; but should there be any good or sufficient reason why it should not be paid—of which reason the Society shall be the sole and sufficient judge—it shall not be paid, anything in these by-laws to the contrary notwithstanding.
2. It shall be competent for the Society, on recommendation of the Directors, to increase the annuity of any Beneficiary Member by a special or annual grant not exceeding the sum of $100 per annum additional, and said grant may be made for life by regular vote after 12 months' notice given at any Annual Meeting of the Society.
3. It shall be competent for the Society, for special reasons, to make special or annual grants to Members who have not attained the age of 65, and such grant may be made for life by resolution after 12 months' notice given at any Annual Meeting of the Society.
4. Should the income of either the Equitable or Charitable Fund not be sufficient for the payment of annuities for which it is liable, it sha l be right and proper for the Society to make such reduction *pro rata* on all annuities as will cover the deficiency, anything in these by-laws to the contrary notwithstanding.—*See clause 2 at end.*

XVII.—CHARITABLE FUND.

1. The proportion of Charitable Subscriptions, Donations, Legacies, and Church Collections available shall be placed to the credit of an account to be called the Charitable Fund, until the sum of One Thousand Dollars is secured, the interest of which only shall be available for grants or annuities.

2. After $1,000 is secured, one-half of said Subscriptions, Collections, &c., shall be reserved to constitute an Endowment Fund, until the sum of $5,000 has been secured.

3. The other half, with the proportion of interest due to this account, shall be available for grants or annuities; but should the income in any year exceed the disbursements of that year, the surplus, after allowing a small balance for contingencies, shall be added to the Endowment.

XVIII.—CHARITABLE ANNUITIES.

1. The Society may from the Charitable Fund make special or annual grants to any aged or infirm Congregational Minister labouring in B. N. A., though not a Beneficiary Member.

2. Should the Equitable Fund not be sufficient for the claims of annuitants, it shall be proper to supplement that Fund from the Charitable Fund.

NOTICES OF MOTION FOR 1874.

1. In general By-law No. 1, Sec. 2, to substitute the word *Twenty* for "*Fifty.*"

2. In general By-law No. 2, to make the following addition after the word "*Society* :"—"or by a majority of four-fifths of the Directors present at any "meeting of the Board; subject, however, to confirmation on the same majority, "by the Society, at its next annual meeting."

3. In general By-law No. 3, to substitute the following for Section 2 :—
"Any Beneficiary Member leaving the ministry or the denomination, or "ceasing to be in good standing, shall thereby forfeit all claim on the Fund."

4. For general By-law No. 4, Sec. 1, after the words "*shall pay,*" to insert the following :—"*all arrears and.*"

5. In general By-law No. 7, Sec. 4, to leave out all after the words "*consent of,*" and to substitute the following :—"*the Finance Committee, or by vote of the Board.*"

6. In W. and O. F. Branch, By-law No. 13, to constitute a new Section, to be numbered 4, and to read as follows :—

4. "It shall be competent for the Society, on recommendation of the Directors, "to make a special grant to the Widow or Orphans of any Congregational Min-"ister—not a Beneficiary Member."

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

BRANTFORD, JUNE 7th, 1873.

The sixteenth annual meeting of the Society was held in the Congregational Church at 10.30 a.m. Mr. Thomas Robertson, of Montreal was appointed chairman, and Mr. S. Grey, of Toronto, minute secretary. After prayer by Mr. McKillican, the roll was called when the following members answered to their names : Revs. Parker, Allworth, Wood, Unsworth, Sherrill, Brown (R.), Brown (J.), Day, Lewis, Hindley, Howell, Clarke, Clarke, W. F., Jackson, Salmon, Black, McCallum, Wilkes, Marling, Sanderson, Fenwick, McKillican, Cornish. Churches—by one delegate, C. R. Black, from Zion, Montreal; Toronto, Bond Street, Fraser ; Northern, Hague ; Zion, Christie ; Guelph, Newton ; Warwick and Forest, Campbell.

The annual report was read by the Secretary of the Board, and on motion received.

A copy of the Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the Society was laid before the meeting, and on motion by Dr. Wilkes, seconded by Mr. McKillican, was accepted. The copy was in the French language. Some ambiguity in the title being apparent in the French translation, it was after some discussion adopted, on motion of Mr. Marling, seconded by Dr. Wilkes, "That if the new title of the Society, given in the English copy of the Act, 30 Vict., clause 1, be other than the Congregational Provident Fund Society, the Trustees be directed to obtain another Act amending the said Act, so as that the title may read as above." The notices of motion appearing in last year's minutes of annual meeting were then taken up. Motion to adopt those motions, in so far as regards the alteration of rates of beneficiary subscription was lost on a division, the rates therefore remain as they were. As regards the notice of motion in reference to change in annuities, it was on motion of Mr. Marling, seconded by Dr. Wilkes, resolved "That the change in amount of annuities, viz., from *ninety* to *one hundred*, be adopted."

After a desultory discussion on the Retiring Pastors' Fund Branch, it was finally resolved to remit it to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. Newton, Hague, Higgins, Grist, Fraser and Black, for examination and report at an adjourned meeting, to be called by the Chairman on Monday. The Secretary submitted the names of three applicants for admission to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund Branch, viz., Revs. J. M. Smith, D. D. Nighswander, and W. W. Smith. These gentlemen were elected by an unanimous ballot.

Resolved that the Board of Directors for last year be re-elected.—Adjourned to the call of the Chair.

BRANTFORD, 9th JUNE, 1873.

Adjourned annual meeting, held at 11.45, a.m. Dr. Wilkes in the chair : T. Robertson secretary *pro tem.* Minutes of last meeting read and passed. The following report was presented and adopted. "The committee appointed to examine the proposed By-Laws of the Retiring Ministers' Fund Branch, beg to report, That as the rates named in the By-Laws are not sufficient to secure the amount of annuities named, this committee is of opinion that it is imperative, before any action is taken thereon, that an auxiliary endowment of about $2000 be raised, to be supplemented by an annual contribution from the churches."

Moved, seconded and carried, "That the By-laws having reference to the

Retiring Fund Branch be adopted, with the understanding that they shall not go into force until Two Thousand Dollars of an Endowment Fund shall have been raised." Resolved, that the following clause be added to the first clause of the General By-Law No. 1; "Through either of the Branches hereafter mentioned." On motion, it was resolved, "That the other recommendations of alterations in the By-Laws be held as notices of motion for next year." Resolved: "That the annual report of the Board, and the By-Laws as now amended, and the proposed further amendments, be published in the Congregational Year Book for 1873-4."

There was proposed and elected by an unanimous ballot, as a member of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund Branch, Rev. G. T. Colwell.

After prayer the meeting adjourned.

Adjourned meeting held at 5.30 p.m. Rev. Dr. Wilkes in the chair. Minutes of present meeting read and confirmed.

THOMAS ROBERTSON,
Secretary.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

At the last annual meeting, you instructed the Board of Directors to prepare a scheme for the establishment of a Retiring Pastors' Fund, to be administered in connection with this Society; also to secure the necessary legislation therefor, including, if found advisable, a change of name.

The Board now beg to report that they have secured the passage of a Bill through the Quebec Legislature, so amending the former Act of Incorporation as to admit of the establishment of such a fund, and of its management by your Board; providing also for a change in the name of this Society, which is now therefore legally known as—

THE CONGREGATIONAL PROVIDENT FUND SOCIETY.

The new designation will, it is hoped, meet with your approval as being both compact and comprehensive.

The Board have also applied themselves to the elaboration of a suitable scheme for the working of the two distinct funds, the result of which will be found in the new Draft of By-Laws now in your hands, and which, for your more mature consideration, were published in the May number of our magazine.

This complete reorganization of the By-Laws, the Board found necessary to the carrying out of your instructions, and they have devoted considerable time and thought to the whole scheme, which they now submit for your approval.

Another year has closed without increasing the number of your annuitants, for which devout gratitude is due to God. The financial position of the Society, as will be seen from the Treasurer's statement annexed, is increasingly strong, the whole capital now amounting to $13,246, as against $12,435 in 1872; $11,581 in 1871; and $9,957 in 1870.

Collections from the churches have shown a lamentable falling off. Last year seventeen churches contributed the sum of $229; this year out of all the churches in the Dominion, only twelve sent subscriptions, amounting in all to $163.

They are as follows: Montreal, Zion, $90 20; Sherbrooke, $10; Lennoxville, $10; Guelph, $10; Warwick and Forest, $10 50; Toronto, three churches, $18; Lanark Village, $6 50; Unionville and Markham, $3 50; Frome, $3 50; Stouff-

ville, $1 55 ; and are as annual members entitled to be represented here by one delegate.

Life Members, 21.

This class has remained stationary for several years at twenty. This year a donation of fifty dollars to the Retiring Ministers' Branch has added Rev. Horrocks Cocks to the list.

Beneficiary Members, 30.

Rev. Parker.	Rev. Clarke, W.
" Allworth.	" Clark, W. F.
" Wood.	" Jackson.
" Elliott.	" Salmon.
" Unsworth.	" Sykes.
" Lewis.	" Black.
" Brown, R.	" McCallum.
" Brown, J.	" Wilkes.
" Day.	" Marling.
" Wheeler.	" Sanderson.
" Reekie.	" McGregor, A.
" Sherrill.	" Fenwick.
" Hindley.	" Chapman.
" Duff, A.	" Cornish.
" Howell.	" McKillican.

In the new By-Laws there are two or three amendments or additions, which for convenience sake were placed there ; but upon which you will not be called on to vote this year, though they will remain as notices of motion for action at next annual meeting. They are as follows : Sec. 2 of By-Law No. 1 ; Sec. 2 of By-Law No. 3 ; Sec. 4 of By-Law No. 13.

The Retiring Ministers' Fund now in hand amounts to $63.

With regard to this branch, it is to be hoped that the Pastors will, during the present year, faithfully bring before their various congregations the claims of this Fund, and so secure large collections from every church in the Dominion. Unless the churches take hold of it and contribute liberally to its endowment, there is no hope of its permanent success. Your Secretary, through the columns of the "C. I.," appealed for subscriptions for its commencement, without securing hitherto one response : and your Board would desire to impress most strongly on your minds the imperative necessity of devising some plan by which an energetic canvass of the churches may be made. In short its success or failure rests with the churches, and with them it must be left. The Treasurer's annual statement will be found annexed. The whole respectfully submitted.

CHAS. R. BLACK,
Secretary, Board of Directors.

Montreal, 31st May.

J. C. Barton, Treasurer, in Account Current with the Congregational Provident Fund Society.

1872. Dr.	$ cts.	$ cts.	1873. Cr.	$ cts.	$ cts.
June 1. To Balance of Cash on hand	1365 90		May 31. By paid 4 Annuitants		400 00
May 31. To Cash received from Beneficiaries	326 00		" " for 32 shares of Stock in Montreal Perm. Building Society.	1600 00	
" " 9 Churches	163 75		" " Premium on do., 10 per cent	160 00	
" " 2 Donations	3 00				1760 00
" " Interest	821 16		" " for 6 shares of Stock in Provincial Perm. Building Society	300 00	
" " Trustees of Zion Ch., Montreal, on account of Loan	452 00		" " Premium on do., 8 per cent	24 00	
					324 00
			" " Expenses obtaining amendments to Act of Incorporation		35 34
			" " for Printing, Postages, &c		13 84
			" " 1 Month's Instalment on 149 new Shares of Montreal Permanent Building Society		149 00
			" Balance of Cash on hand		449 63
	$3131 81				$3131 81

Examined and found correct. (Signed) WILLIAM MACDOUGALL, W. J. PATTERSON, } *Auditors.*

Investments –

149 shares Montreal Permanent Building Society Stock, at $50 each, yielding 8 per cent. interest	7450 00	
149 " " " New Stock, 1 Month's Instalment paid	149 00	
		7599 00
63 " Provincial " Stock, at $50 each, yielding 8 per cent. interest		3150 00
Trustees of Zion Church, Montreal (Call Loan), yielding 7 per cent. interest		2048 00
Cash on hand and in Bank :		449 63
Capital, May 31st, 1873		13246 63
" " 1872		12435 90
Increase on the Year		810 73
Retiring Ministers' Fund Branch—Cash on hand		$63 45

Montreal, 31st May, 1873. (Signed) J. C. Barton, *Treasurer.*

THE TWENTIETH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Canada Congregational Missionary Society,

PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SUBSCRIBERS,

AT BRANTFORD, ONT., JUNE, 1873.

Printed and Published by its Direction

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1873.

Form of a Bequest.

" I give and bequeath to the Canada Congregational Missionary Society, incorporated by the Legislature of Ontario, A.D., 1873, the sum of_____ out of my estate, to be paid without any charge or deduction whatever, and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer of said Society shall constitute and be a sufficient discharge thereof."

NOTE.—Such bequest must be made six months before testator's decease.

GENERAL AND DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

GENERAL COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1873-74

Rev. K. M. Fenwick, Kingston, Ont.
Rev. Joseph Unsworth, Georgetown, Ont.
Rev. W. H. Allworth, Paris, Ont.
Rev. S. N. Jackson, M.D., Toronto, Ont.
Rev. Enoch Barker, Fergus, Ont.
Rev. John Fraser, Montreal, Que.
Rev. R. K. Black, Milton, N.S.
Mr. A. Alexander, Hamilton, Ont.
Mr. J. Fraser, Toronto, Ont.
Mr. J. P. Wells, Vankleek Hill, Ont.
Mr. J. Jarvis, Ottawa, Ont.
Mr. W. W. Copp, Toronto, Ont.
Mr. E. Newton, Guelph, Ont.
Mr. C. R. Black, Montreal, Que.
Mr. W. Carter, Cowansville, Que.
Rev. Henry Wilkes, D.D., Montreal, *General Secretary- Treasuarer.*
Rev. John Wood, Brantford, *Home Secretary.*

DISTRICT COMMITTEE, 1872-73.

ONTARIO, WESTERN.

Revds. W. F. Clarke, John Wood, Wm. Hay; Messrs. N. Hamilton, C. Whitlaw, W. E. Welding, H. G. Grist, S. Hodgskin; Rev. W. H. Allworth, Paris, Ont., Secretary.

ONTARIO, MIDDLE.

Revds. T. M. Reikie, F. H. Marling, B. W. Day, J. A. R. Dickson, S. N. Jackson; Messrs. J. Fraser, Joseph Barber, D. Higgins, J. Turner, W. W. Copp, John Wickson; Rev. J. Unsworth, Georgetown, Ont., Secretary.

ONTARIO, EASTERN.

Revds. K. M. Fenwick, R. Lewis, J. G. Sanderson, W. M. Peacock Messrs. W. Robertson, G. Robertson, G. Chaffey, W.H. Johnston, James Jarvis; G. S. Fenwick, Esq., Kingston, Ont., Secretary.

QUEBEC DISTRICT.

Revds. A. J. Parker, C. P. Watson, C. Chapman, J. Fraser; Messrs. J. Baylis, T. J. Telfer, J. McNicol, E. Hargrave, H. Hubbard, Hon. J. G. Robertson, Hon. J. S. Sanborn; Rev. A. Duff, Sherbrooke, Q., Secretary; C. R. Black, Esq., Secretary Montreal Branch.

NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

Revds. S. G. Dodd, W. Williams, C. Duff, A. McGregor, J. Whitman; Messrs. H. P. Bridges, Isaac Burpee, M.P., Freeman Dennis, James Woodrow, Hon. F. Tupper, E. Smith, Rev. R. K. Black, Milton, N.S., Secretary.

CONSTITUTION.

As amended by the Annual Meeting of Subscribers, at Hamilton. Ont., June, 1868.

ART. I.—That the Society be called "The Canada Congregational Missionary Society in connection with the Colonial Missionary Society."

ART. II.—That its object shall be, to aid feeble Congregational Churches in sustaining their Ministers; to spread the Gospel by means of Missionaries among all classes of inhabitants; and to promote other general missionary objects of the Congregational body.

ART. III.—That all persons subscribing five shillings per annum shall become Members of this Society; and any person subscribing at one time Twenty Dollars or upwards, shall be an Honorary or Life Member of this Society.

ART. IV.—That the Missionary field shall be divided into such and so many Districts as the Society may from time to time determine; and that for each of these there shall be appointed by the Society from among its members after nomination, at each Annual Meeting, a District Committee of not more than ten members, with a Secretary-Treasurer; such Committee to consist, as far as practicable, of pastors and members of self-sustaining Churches, and of ministers and laymen in equal numbers.

ART. V.—That from each of the several District Committees there shall be chosen annually by the Society, after nomination, three members, such representatives to form together the General Committee; and that there shall also be appointed by the Society annually, after nomination, a General Secretary-Treasurer, who shall receive and distribute the missionary funds and conduct the correspondence with the Colonial Missionary Society; and a Home-Secretary, who shall correspond with the Churches and the several District Committees.

ART. VI.—That the Annual Meeting of this Society shall be held at the same time and place as that of the Congregational Union of Canada, and during such Annual Session the General Committee shall adjust all the appropriations for the ensuing year so far as possible.

ART. VII.—That each District Committee within its own bounds shall receive and report to the General Committee upon the Annual applications for aid; shall have power to make grants in special cases arising between the meetings of the General Committee to such amounts and on such principles as the latter body

may determine; shall attend to the collection of missionary contributions; shall explore unoccupied fields; shall superintend the labours of evangelists; and shall have a general supervision over the missionary work, visiting each missionary field, by deputation at least once in every year. And that all its proceedings as they are taken, shall be reported to the officers of the General Committee.

Art. VIII.—That all Churches receiving aid from this Society to sustain their minister, shall be required, as the condition of its continuance, faithfully to fulfill their own engagement towards his support.

Art. IX.—A detailed statement of Missionary affairs shall be made annually to the Colonial Missionary Society.

Art. X.—That this Constitution and the By-laws may be altered by any Annual Meeting of the Society, one day's notice having been first given to the Society, in writing, of any proposal to that effect.

BY-LAWS.

1. All communications on the subject of grants shall be made by or to the financial representatives of the Church or station seeking aid.

2. Applications for aid, in new cases, shall be made one month at least before the Annual Meeting.

3. Every Missionary of this Society shall be in full communion with a Congregational Church.

4. All the Missionaries shall report once in six months to the District-Secretaries respectively, and make a full statistical return annually, according to the prepared forms.

5. In the event of any District Secretary vacating his office during the year intervening between the Annual Meetings the name standing first on the list shall be Convener, and the District Committee is empowered to appoint a successor.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE "THE CANADA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY."

WHEREAS by the petition of the Reverénd F. H. Marling on behalf of the Canada Congregational Missionary Society it is amongst other things set forth that that society has been for many years in existence, having for its object to aid feeble Congregational churches in sustaining their ministers; to spread the Gospel by means of missionaries, and to promote other general missionary objects of the Congregational body; that the members of the society are the persons subscribing to its funds; that the terms of membership and the operations and management of the society are regulated by a constitution adopted by the members as amended at the annual meeting of the society at Hamilton in June 1868; that the law of this Province makes no provision for the holding or disposing of property held by trustees under the Act respecting religious institutions in Upper Canada in the case of churches or congregations ceasing to exist; and that provision would be made by the Congregational Union of Canada in the trust deeds of the property of Congregational churches for the management of such property by the said society in the event of any such church ceasing to exist, if the society had the necessary corporate powers; and it is prayed that an Act may be passed incorporating the persons hereinafter named who form the general committee of the said society, and the other members of the said society by the name of the Canada Congregational Missionary Society; And whereas it is expedient to grant the said petition:

Therefore Her Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:—

1. The Rev. Henry Wilkes D.D., the Rev. W. F. Clarke, the Rev. John Wood, the Rev. F. H. Marling, the Rev. K. M. Fenwick, the Rev. H. D. Powis, the Rev. Archibald Duff, the Rev. S. G. Dodd, the Rev. Charles Chapman, Henry Cox, Thomas Edgar, Joseph Barber, W. C. Ashdown, C. Lawes, James Baylis, Robert Freeland, J. McNichol and all other persons associated with them or who may hereafter be associated with them or with each other as members of the Canada Congregational Missionary Society under the provisions of the constitution in the preamble mentioned as it now exists or as it may at any time hereafter be amended by the said society are, hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of "The Canada Congregational Missionary Society."

The objects of the said Corporation shall be the same as expressed in the said constitution as it now exists or as it may be amended as aforesaid.

3. The affairs of the said corporation shall be conducted and administered by the general committee appointed as provided by the constitution, who shall exercise all the corporate powers of the corporation.

4. The body incorporated by this Act may from time to time and at all times, acquire and hold as purchasers any interest in lands and tenements, and the same alienate, lease, mortgage and dispose of and purchase others in their stead: Provided always, and it is enacted, that the said corporation shall at no time acquire or hold as purchasers any lands or tenements, or interests therein, exceeding in whole at any one time the annual value of five thousand dollars, nor otherwise than for their actual use or occupation, for the purposes of the said corporation: And it is further enacted, that the said corporation may, by the name aforesaid, from time to time, take or hold by gift, devise or bequest any lands or tenements, or interests therein, if such gift, devise or bequest be made at least six months before the death of the person making the same; but the said corporation shall at no time take or hold by any gift, devise or bequest, so as that the annual value of any lands or

tenements, or interests therein, so to be taken or held by gift, devise, or bequest, shall at any one time in the whole exceed the annual value of one thousand dollars; and no lands or tenements, or interests therein acquired by gift, devise or bequest, shall be held by the said corporation for a longer period than seven years after the acquisition thereof; and within such period they shall respectively be absolutely disposed of by the said corporation, so that it no longer retain any interest therein; and the proceeds on such disposition shall be invested in public securities, municipal debentures, or other approved securities, not including mortgages, for the use of the said corporation; and such lands, tenements or interests therein, or such thereof which may not, within the said period have been so disposed of, shall revert to the person from whom the same was acquired, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns.

5. The said corporation shall, whenever required by the Lieutenant-Governor of this Province, make a full return to the Legislature of its property, real and personal, and of its receipts and expenditure and of any other facts or particulars which the Lieutenant-Governor may require.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING.

The Society held its anual meeting in Brantford, Ontario, on Thursday, P.M., June 5th, 1873. George Hague, Esq., of Toronto, was called to the Chair, and Rev. J. T. Byrne of Whitby was appointed Minute Secretary.

After prayer by the Rev. S. T. Gibbs of Whitby, the General Secretary-Treasurer read the annual report and financial statement, upon which it was resolved:

I. That the report be adopted and printed, and that the following be the General Committee for the ensuing year.

II. That the thanks of the Society are respectfully given to Thomas Hodgins, Esq., for his kind and unwearied attention in procuring from the Legislature of the Province of Ontario the act of incorporation; also to John Turner, Esq., Toronto, for his generosity in defraying the legal expenses to the extent of about $35; and to Rev. F. H. Marling, Convener, and the members of the Committee for their great trouble and diligence while seeking during two sessions to obtain said Act.

III. That in view of the very great rise in the price of all the necessaries and comforts of life, and the consequent diminution in the value of money to procure them, it is the conviction of this meeting that the present rate of the ministerial stipend of missionary pastors is for the most part wholly inadequate, oppressive, and unjust to men who are laboriously and faithfully toiling in the Master's Vineyard, and therefore that the General and District Committees be instructed to call the serious attention of the people who are benefited by these ministrations to this grave fact, and to adopt such measures as they may be able to devise to remedy so great an evil.

IV. That the thanks of the Society are given to the Executors of the will of the late Mr. Robert Craig of Lanark for their prompt payment of the legacy of one hundred dollars, and also to the Executors of the will of the late Mr. Thomas Fletcher of Beverley for their early payment of one half the legacy of fifteen hundred dollars bequeathed to this Society.

V. That this meeting hereby accept the Act of the Legislature of Ontario, and declare the Society under the name of the Canada

Congregational Missionary Society, based upon and organized according to its provisions, and that all the proceedings of this Annual Meeting are conducted upon this new basis and position.

VI. That Rev. F. H. Marling, Convener, Rev. W. F. Clarke, Rev. S. N. Jackson, Messrs. J. Turner, H. J. Clark and Dr. Wilkes be a Committee to consider what steps should be taken to bring disused Congregational Church property into the hands of this Society as now incorporated, with full powers to take the steps they may deem proper, including, if need be, the procuring of further Legislative action; with power to add to their number in the Province of Quebec.

VII. That the Annual Meeting be now resolved into a free and unfettered conference of the subscribers to consider the present state and prospects, and the future policy and plans of the Society, including the point of annual local missionary meetings, with visiting Deputations.

On the propriety of Annual Missionary Deputations to Churches and Stations there was some slight differences of opinion. Rev. Messrs. Lewis, Howell, Peacock, Brown, Allworth, McKillican, Salmon and McColl took part in the discussion, which resulted in the understanding that on the whole the present plan was in the majority of places of considerable importance and value, and that it should be left to the District Committees to make such modifications in towns and cities as may be deemed advisable. On other matters partly suggested by the preceding resolutions, observations were made by D. Higgins, Esq., Drs. Wilkes and Cornish, and F. H. Marling. Another hour might have been spent in this conference with profit, but it was needful to adjourn, giving way to the Canada Indian Missionary Society.

The Society met again in public meeting at 7.30 P.M. George Hague, Esq., in the Chair. After devotional exercises and an installation service of the Canada Indian Missionary Society, the meeting was addressed by Rev. R. K. Black in relation to the work in the Maritime Provinces; by Rev. E. J. Sherrill with special reference to the Province of Quebec, and by Rev. R. Lewis and W. H. Heudebourck, whose observations related chiefly to the Province of Ontario. A collection was made at the close of the meeting.

On the 9th June at 5 P.M. the Society assembled in adjourned meeting, Norman Hamilton, Esq., of Paris presiding. The District Committees were appointed; it was ordered that the Annual

Report should form part of the contemplated Year Book; and the following resolution was adopted:—

Whereas it is desirable to guard against the hasty introduction to pastorates of young men who are precluded from taking a regular collegiate course: Be it resolved that in the opinion of this Society such young men should not be ordained until they have labored three consecutive years in connection with this Society, and prosecuted a course of reading and study under the supervision of a District Missionary Committee, such course of study having been prescribed by the General Committee.

The Society adjourned to meet at Toronto in June, 1874.

REPORT.

The work of the Society during its twentieth year has been steady and effective, but not characterized by any thing remarkble. The subjoined reports from the several Districts indicate a fair measure of progress. Some spheres of labour, long unoccupied, have been resumed with an energy and hopefulness which give promise of success. Tenacity of life is often happily exhibited where onlookers have pronounced all dead. Our churches are not easily put out of being, notwithstanding unfavourable auguries concerning them, and the discouragements to which some of them are exposed. There ever remains the loving care of the great and good Shepherd, and while they have that, their expectation shall not perish. This consideration cheers us in relation to several churches which have during the year become vacant as to the pastoral office. In the best regulated families changes and even disasters occur, but God has placed in them a recuperative force which prevents any thing like ultimate injury.

The names on the Society's list for the past year number thirty-seven, a few of whom were in their respective spheres of labor during only a part of it and several have been part of the year in two districts. The appended notes of the District Secretaries should awaken the lively interest of all who co-operate in this work, and lead to much earnest prayer for a copious outpouring of Divine influences. We greatly need this precious Baptism. It is of the gravest importance to the further progress of our work that attention should be given to the rate of Ministerial support which the exigencies of the times render necessary. The

great rise in the price of all the necessaries and comforts of life, and of all kinds of skilled and manual labour, amounting in many instances to fifty and seventy-five per cent, has rendered any former rate of stipend wholly inadequate and oppressive. To maintain such a rate is simply unjust and cruel. Means must be adopted to remedy this evil. None have a right to ask laborious and faithful Ministers to grapple with the miseries of poverty, while they contend against the power of Satan.

In view of this and other important considerations the Committee suggest that this Annual Meeting should be resolved into a free and unfettered conference on the present position and prospects, and the future policy and plans of the Society. The work is now left absolutely in our hands by the Colonial Missionary Society. At our last Annual Meeting we accepted the situation with its responsibilities, involved in a regularly diminishing grant from England. Our brethren there cannot undertake any further part of the Congregational work in our noble Dominion. Accordingly unless we would recede, we must arise to larger and more comprehensive plans and efforts.

The Committee appointed two years since and re-appointed last year, to procure an Act of Incorporation from the Legislature of Ontario have made through their Convener the following report:

TORONTO, MAY 30, 1873.

REV. DR. WILKES and REV. J. WOOD,

General Secretary-Treasurer and Home Secretary,

CANADA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

DEAR BRETHREN,

I enclose copies of the Act of Incorporation obtained for the Society at the last Session of the Ontario Legislature, which has also been published in the "Canadian Independent" for June, for the information of the members of the Society. I believe it needs formal adoption by the Annual Meeting. I trust it will be satisfactory. I would suggest that the thanks of the Society be given to Thomas Hodgins, Esq., M.P.P., by whom the Bill was carried through the house, and who has been most attentive and obliging in the whole conduct of the business. The legal and advertising expenses incurred in 1872 were $38.45, and were defrayed by one member of the Committee, Mr. John Turner. Those in 1873 were $ 12.45, and have been paid by Dr. Wilkes from the Society's funds. I would suggest that steps be now taken to secure the transfer to the Society of disused church property, such as that at Newcastle, by special Act of the Legislature.

I am yours faithfully,

F. H. MARLING, Convener, Com: *ad hoc.*

It is recommended that the warm thanks of the Society be given to the gentlemen thus named, also to Mr. Marling and his associates forming the Committee. They have at considerable effort and

trouble accomplished an important service to the Society and the Denomination. It will be needful to accept this Act of Incorporation in due legal form, and reorganize the Society under its provisions, and it is recommended that the Act itself be appended or prefixed to this Report, and further that the same Committee be appointed, Rev. F. H. Marling, Convener, to consider what steps should be taken to bring disused Congregational church property into the hands of this Society as now incorporated, with full powers to take the steps they may deem proper, including, if need be, the procuring of further Legislative action.

The cordial thanks of the Society are again due to the Colonial Missionary Society for four hundred and fifty pounds, sterling, which was expended early in the financial year. The sum of four hundred pounds is placed at our disposal for the coming year.

The unusual feature in our reports occurs this year of acknowledging two legacies, the first of one hundred dollars received from the Executors of the will of the late Mr. Robert Craig of Lanark, Ontario, to whom our thanks are due for their promptitude; the second being of fifteen hundred dollars bequeathed by the late Mr. Thomas Fletcher of Beverly, Ontario, of which one half has been promptly paid by his Executors. Thanks are due to them. It is recommended that this last mentioned legacy be made a special deposit as a reserve fund, so as to prevent the necessity of borrowing money to meet the quarterly payments that have to be made early in the year.

The receipts for the year including the balance of $130.70 from last year, amount to $7025.45—being from the Colonial Missionary Society $2179.76, and from the Home field $4845.69. The Expenditure has been $5777.71, leaving in hand for the payment of the last quarter in July $1247.74. This statement does not include the $750 received on account of the legacy reported, and which is deposited in the name of the Society in Savings Bank. The following is a comparative statement :

	Received.		Expended.	
	1872-73	1871-73	1872-73	1871-72
Western Ont.	$1094	$1270	$1443	$1612
Middle "	1051	1251	1342	2026
Eastern " including Legacy $100	730	639	1079	1758
Quebec	971	1103	998	1120
N. S. & N. B.	866	982	786	1117

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY WILKES,

General Secretary Treasurer.

The Lord reigneth. The promise is sure. The prospect is sometimes discouraging, but faith can see when it is dark to the natural eye.

Some persons can hope in disheartening circumstances, while others give up to despondency because the winter lingers, and the harvest does not come.

The missionary reports in this district for the past year are neither despondent nor elate, but indicate steady hopeful labour for the Master, indomitable courage on the part of most who are persevering under difficulties which they have resolved to conquer.

Amherstburg.—Rev. J. M. Smith, who lastyear took up this field is on the whole encouraged. He says:

"There have been evidences of Divine favour granted us: some conversions have taken place; some have been added to us by letter from other churches We have received nine in all into church membership. There are others I believe who will join us soon.

"The Sabbath school seems to be improving in some respects, there are of course some discouragements. So there are in every field." This brother has to contend with the disadvantage of a very uninviting place of worship, but he has manfully struggled on and witnessed the moral improvement of the town; in the past year he has set on foot Temperance Societies, Band of Hope, &c. He says: "Notwithstanding difficulties I am confident that our cause here is destined to gain strength and do much to glorify God and bless the people."

Sarnia—After being neglected so long was entered upon about a year ago, by the Rev. W. Claris. This brother seems to have measured the difficulties before him and entered upon his work with courage.

Had Sarnia been an entirely new field the disadvantages would have been less, but it has been entered and left by the ministers for some cause so frequently that it has not been easy to inspire our own friends with the belief that the effort was to be persevered in.

The pastor reports that the congregations are gradually but steadily increasing. They have expended something on their place of worship, and by the help of sister churches, have procured an instrument which to them was a necessity. On the whole he is hopeful.

Warwick.—Rev. John Salmon is still doing a good work in a field large enough to occupy two ministers. At a meeting held in March last, the churches requested that another man may be sent on to work with Mr. Salmon—this of course would involve

a larger outlay of Missionary funds for a time; but the field cannot be efficiently worked in any other way. At a church meeting in May they resolved not to ask any further aid from the the Missionary Society while the field of labour remains in its present condition. They cordially thank the Society for its past assistance. Rev. J. Salmon has been very successful as a labourer in this field in which he gratefully recognizes the helping hand of God.

Stratford.—The Rev. W. H. Heu de Bourck has been very successful in this field. The church has been increased in membership. The congregations have been much larger than in former years, and the financial abilities of the church and congregation have been largely drawn out in attempting great things both towards the support of the pastor, and in building a new church and in converting the old one into a parsonage. The progress altogether seems wonderful, for which they ascribe glory to God.

Listowell and Molesworth—Have been without a pastor through the year, they have, however, been supplied a portion of the time by an evangelist without expense to this Society. At present Mr. Rose from England is supplying there.

Douglass and North Garafraxa.—Rev. R. Brown left this field for Lanark where he now labours. The churches have been supplied for some time by Mr. Rose previously to his visit to Listowel. It is hoped that this interesting field will soon find a pastor.

At Garafraxa and Fergus—Rev. E. Barker stills holds on his way. He writes in May:

"I have nothing especial to mention either in the way of progress or retrogression. Sometimes I fear there are signs of the latter. If I did not remember that outward appearances do not afford a true indication in this respect and that real progress is often not distinctly observable for years together I should be wholly discouraged." Further on, he observes: "Our congregations and Sabbath schools are about as usual. Not so large, however, as when on the tide of revival influence four years ago. We have concord and some considerable earnestness; still there are too many honorary members here as well as elsewhere. There is a sincere desire among the churches of this section, and earnest attempts have been made, to distribute the field so as to lighten the burden from your Society without diminishing the Word, but great difficulty is felt in the matter, &c. I find that since my December report two have joined us in communion in Garafraxa and three in Fergus."

The western district committee quite agree as to an economical distribution of this large field, that two pastors may if possible do what has been done by three.

Howick.—A part of Rev. S. Snider's field has enjoyed the labours

of a young man for some time. It is the wish of that church together with the pastor, that Mr. Wickett who has been doing this missionary work there should take that part of the field off Mr. Snider's hands. The field as it stands is too large for any one man to do it justice. The Rev. S. Snider is labouring on hopefully in *Turnberry*, but without apparent increase, nor can it be expected where a man has five or six stations to attend.

Kincardine.—Rev. N. McKinnon writes:

"No change in the membership during the past year. The people continue to come out to hear as usual, and we enjoy peace in the church, but still we are longing and waiting for manifestations of the Divine power to awaken careless sinners and to quicken slothful believers."

We look for glad tidings from the churches of this district, for the Lord is waiting to be gracious, and will doubtless pour out His spirit on all who are earnestly seeking Him, and employing the truths which He vouchsafes to bless.

W. H. ALLWORTH,
Secretary of the Western district.

May, 1873.

ONTARIO MIDDLE DISTRICT.

Removals have unfavorably affected the state of this district; but we may hope the lack of service will be speedily supplied. Good we are certain is being done, both on a scale and in a manner which cannot be estimated by a cursory observer, nor determined by any financial or numerical results. The work done is really only the seed time, the coming generations and eternity will reap fully the results.

Alton and North Erin.—The pastor, Rev. M. S. Gray, is still labouring in this field. He writes under date January:

"At Alton our congregations are good; the Sabbath school is doing well. The town is growing rapidly, but the removals do not favour us while persons settling in our midst are either members of or adherents of other churches."

In North Erin.—We have fenced the ground connected with the church. Our prayer meetings are well attended. We go from house to house. The Bible class is doing a good work." Under date of May he writes:

"Had we been on an Alpine mountain, we could not have been more effectually blocked up with snow than we were for three months and a half. In North Erin the snow was so deep I had to travel on foot on the top of it from house to house worshipping with the families of the neighborhood. Two have removed from

the locality, and one has been taken home to heaven. This brother in his dying moments said: "I was a stranger to Christ when you came here, but now I have a good hope through grace of a heavenly home. To God be all the praise."

Markham and Unionville.—This station is still without a settled pastor. Brethren have visited the field during the year with a view to settlement; but financial weaknass has prevented them from doing so.

Manilla.—Rev. D. McGregor is more hopeful of success than in years past. The sky is clearing and hope is strengthening. He writes under date of June:

"The last half year of 1872, I was enabled to attend to my work, preaching twice each Sabbath in Manilla and at one of my out-stations in the evening. The attendance at all the stations is good. At Sunderlands I have use of the New Connexion Methodist Church. As a body we lose by not having it in our power to do what all the other denominations do, secure a building at once and take possession of the field, what Dr. Chalmers used to call the "Territorial System." Without a place of some attraction it is hard to make head way in Canada. Sabbath schools prospering. As usual, I am much among the sick and dying of various denominations." Under date of May he writes: "Nothing special has occurred since my last, except the death of one of my female members—her death bed was a testimony to the power of Divine grace. Three of our number in church fellowship have been removed during the year. Attendance on the means of grace keeps up well. I am hopeful and decided as to my duty to live and die in Manilla, leaving results to the faithful Promiser."

Meaford.—This station last summer was for a few months supplied by Student Clarke; after his removal Rev. C. H. Silcocks, late of England, supplied for a few weeks, when it was considered desirable to give up the services for a time. It is hoped a brighter day may soon dawn upon this place.

Newmarket.—Rev. A. Shand has been labouring in this field for some months, hoping against hope. He remains at his post working.

Owen Sound.—Rev. R. Robinson, who has laboured in this field for a number of years, both faithfully and judiciously, with tokens of Divine favour, has seen it his duty to resign his charge as pastor, to be Missionary and Agent of the Canada Congregational Indian Missionary Society. The church is therefore looking for and much needing a faithful, godly pastor, to take charge of them at once. The membership is not large, nor is their financial strength great; but they are united and hopeful. He writes under date of May:

"The congregation is good and our ecclesiastical character in the community is I think with the best. With a good minister and speedily settled there is a fair prospect of success and self sustentation before this cause."

On Rugby and Vespers.—Rev. J. G. Sanderson, who for many years laboured faithfully and successfully in this station, resigned his charge last January to settle in the city of Ottawa. He writes under date of January:

"You are aware by this time that I have accepted a call to the church at Ottawa. Since I reported we have received three persons into fellowship, two of them confessing Christ for the first time.

"This field has been growing gradually since I first came to it; but the increase of late years has been greater than in the former years of my pastorate. The finances are in a good position, there being a small balance in each church in its favour. The parsonage is not yet built though the lumber is on the ground, and it will now I trust be proceeded with immediately.

"I have had a laborious but a very happy and somewhat prosperous pastorate of 9 years. I leave the cause in a highly favorable position as compared with what I found it."

Since Mr. Sanderson's removal the station has been supplied by brethren without pastoral charges, and at present by Mr. E. D. Silcox, who has just finished his studies in the college.

Whitby.—Rev. S. T. Gibbs is still labouring patiently and diligently in hope. He writes January:

"Last August we took possession of our neat and commodious parsonage, and now that a fence has been erected and the buildings thereon are open to view the improvement is very striking. The whole cost about $1600. During the year, our congregation has suffered from loss by death and by removal from town. The late Mr Gorrie had latterly felt a deep interest in our affairs; but our loss has been his gain.

"Our congregation is almost a new one, the older members are no longer with us and we must prepare for changes that still await us."

In May, he writes:

"Although we have suffered much from the loss of older members, our finances are not impaired. Several younger persons are filling the places of those gone Our Sabbath school and mission station prospers.

Rev. H. Denny—Continues his evangelistic work as usual.

J. UNSWORTH,
Secretary.

May, 27th, 1873.

ONTARIO EASTERN DISTRICT.

The year has furnished changes which have been perplexing and somewhat discouraging, but which the Head of the Church can overrule for good.

Belleville.—The congregation has been enfeebled by the introduction of two new denominations into the town, which have drawn off those who formerly belonged to them, but had been for

a time worshipping with other congregations. At the same time the Sunday school keeps up its members; and improvements have been made in the church building at a cost of $300. Indeed, Rev. R. Lewis is pleased to have to state that there has been raised among his people, for all purposes, no less a sum than $1000 during the year. The town is growing, and there is room for faithful work.

Brockville is just now vacant by the resignation of Rev. James Hay, but it is expected that an occupant of the field will be early found, and that a town which is rapidly growing, in population, and which has among its inhabitants an increasing number of Congregationalists, will in due time be the seat of a strong and effective independent church.

Cobourg.—The church here is "no more termed forsaken" as one of the senior class of students, Mr. Griffith, has accepted an unanimous call to the pastorate, and has already entered upon his labours hopefully. He writes:—

"The people at present are very active; they are willing to do all that can be required of them. I think there is a fair prospect before us. A piece of land has been purchased alongside the church lot, and the church building is to be immediately modernized and improved."

Lanark First.—Since last annual report important changes have taken place in this field, 1st, in the resignation of the Rev. James Douglas, for seven years pastor of this church, and 2nd, in the settlement of the Rev. Robert Brown, late of Garafraxa.

Mr. Brown has but recently entered upon his work, and such are the distances, that he has been unable, owing to the difficulty of travelling in the latter part of winter and early part of spring, to report very minutely. He has not been idle, however, as the following extracts from his report will testify:

"On consulting my diary, I find that I have made 90 pastoral visits, and 34 briefer calls. I have discovered that the breadth of the field is at least 14 miles from North to South, and its length 15 miles from East to West.

"The sphere may be too limited for some men, but I pray that the Lord may give me the grace of fidelity and strength, to do well the work that seems to open up to my view."

He further adds:

"Many families seldom attend the means of grace, and my aim shall be to reach them. And if they will not come to hear me, I shall go to them. And I trust that God will give me wisdom to approach them in a way that will win them to Christ."

Lanark Village—The pastor, Rev. John Brown, writes upon the whole encouragingly. He is earnestly desirous of opening a

station about 6 miles distant from the village, where he thinks a good work could be accomplished.

In his January report Mr. Brown wrote in the midst of deep affliction, his beloved wife having been suddenly called to her rest and reward.

Though no additions to the membership are reported, the pastor says, that there are some young persons of whom he has much hope, that they will ere long confess the Lord Jesus by an open profession. The congregations continue about the same as last year.

The Sabbath school is reported "as in real good working condition."

Several needed material improvements have been made, such as a new fence to a portion of the grounds, a small barn, and, in the interior of the church three neat pulpit chairs, and the aisles and platform newly carpeted.

In addition to Mr. Brown's regular labors he frequently supplied Lanark First church, during the vacancy caused by the resignation of the late pastor.

Ottawa City.—The resignation of Rev. Edward Ebbs was mentioned in last report. The pulpit was supplied regularly until the settlement of Rev. J. G. Sanderson, who reports as follows:

"It is now four months since I came here to take the oversight of this church, during which period we have had a season of quiet and peaceful, though not very rapid progress. We rejoice that the Master has not suffered us to labor in vain, as the word has been blessed in leading some to decide for Jesus.

"We have received six persons into fellowship, four on professions, and two by letter. The congregation increases as the summer draws near, our average attendance during the month of March was 102, and during the month of April 120.

"There is a considerable feeling of unity among the members of the church, and all seem anxious to help the cause forward.

"The pastor's Bible class is well attended, as also is the weekly prayer meeting. A ladies' sewing society has been organized to assist the church in its various operations. A part of the basement of the church has been fitted up as a vestry and comfortably furnished, it has a stairway communicating with the pulpit above.

"We are laboring in hope, and looking for the blessing of the Master upon our work."

Martintown and Roxboro is now temporarily occupied by student Malcolm. It requires, however, the continued labors of an earnest missionary pastor.

RICH. LEWIS,
Sec. F. D.

QUEBEC DISTRICT.

Two of our Agents have left this field during the year, Rev. H. J. Colwell called from Waterloo to Randolph, Vt., and Rev. James Shipperley from Abbotsford to Pleasant River, N. S. The Committee has not been able yet to supply their places. The Churches in Durham, Melbourne and Windsor have unitedly been supplied by student labour without any expense to the Society, and are likely soon to enjoy the labours of a resident Pastor. The Church in Franklin, as anticipated in last year's report, has not had any Minister during the past year. Mr. Perkins has accepted a call to a church in the state of New York. The churches in Eaton, Fitch Bay and Waterville still enjoy the faithful unflagging labours of their justly esteemed Pastors.

Eaton.—A few sentences of detail from Mr. Sherrill's report will present a very correct idea of the kind of work these brethren are doing during the year.

"You are surprised perhaps that I should be pressed overmuch in this far away "field with a church of less than 60 resident members. But I am no idler. Week, "before last I drove 5 miles to see one member of our church, a cripple conversed, "prayed, and left tracts with the family. Drove on 5 miles farther to see a mother "with her family who can seldom be with us on the Sabbath; visiting families on "the way, distributing tracts and praying in each family. I returned on another "road, called on three families, where we had a member in each, left tracts and "prayed with them, home at 5 evening.

"Last week I went into another part of my field. Drove 10 miles, visited two "families, saw two members of the Church—mothers—prayed with them. Then "visited a school, talked to the scholars and prayed with them, and left tracts. "Being now 11 miles away, drove home at six evening. Horse and rider thankful "for refreshment and rest.

"This week, after two Sabbath services and a class in the Sabbath School, I began "anew on Monday p.m., and evening met in committee of Compton and Sherbrooke "County Temperance Union to arrange work assigned us at our annual meeting "in January. The field included 30 School districts. These Schools are to be "visited, parents invited to attend an address or talk suited to the young on Temperance. A pledge left with each teacher who is requested to have the scholars who "are willing (with consent of parents) sign it. The pledge thus signed to be left "with some responsible friend, who will copy the same for the Secretary—retaining the original for the next teacher, &c. Seven districts were assigned to me. "That work I am doing this week. Beside this, with regular every day work a "sick and dying man has been visited daily for two weeks.

"Last week, by previous arrangement he wished me to make. I spent two days "with Bro. McKillican, one at Learned Plain, the other at Westbury, in the interests of his Sabbath School work.

"Our attendance on Sabbath has been very good. We observed the week of "prayer; and the year has opened with some encouraging appearances. Our Sabbath School has adopted the international series of lessons. All are pleased with

"the change. Since the year opened our numbers in S.S. range from 65 to 90 "varying as it must here with the weather.

"In no past year have our Church and Society been more prompt and cheerful "in fulfilling their pecuniary obligations. This has appeared somewhat remarkable "considering the draft upon our strength and numbers by removals. The amounts "pledged for 1872 have been raised: 1. By increase of amounts before subscribed. 2. "By obtaining some new subscribers, and 3. By the proceeds of a public entertain- "ment for that purpose. That the people do so well is the more encouraging "considering the outside influences constantly put forth to divide and weaken our "numbers, already few and feeble. Every preoccupied field and station is "entered without note or comment. But our people are true, and do what they "can to repair and build up, making our prayer unto our God; setting a watch "day and night, and endeavouring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of "peace, still hoping though weak to sustain Gospel institutions among us, gather "souls into the Kingdom, and spread the fruits of our labours broadcast over the "world."

Fitch-Bay.—Our excellent brother Adams writes:

"You know well this is a hard discouraging field, but I trust some little good "has been done, souls benefited by our efforts from week to week; instead of rapid "advance we can but little more than hold our own, and yet I am sensible that "without patient continuous effort the cause must go down. This is all that "reconciles me to continue my ministry in this place. If the cause were self support- "ing, or if there were a fair prospect of its becoming so at an early day, it would "make the present cross lighter. I have learnt both by experience and observation "what I once did not know, that there can never be a very strong cause in these "small back places. There is lack of the right kind of material to make an intel- "ligent working Church living near enough each other. Still I suppose Christ's sheep "must be sought upon the mountains and sinners called from the highways and "hedges, and the poor must have the Gospel preached unto them; and probably some "of our ministers are called to this work; and it may be I am. If so may the Master "save me from complaining; but I do want to see some lasting fruit of my labours.

"If I can fairly judge I think the year will conclude with about the same pros- "pects as heretofore. Perhaps a little gain in money matters; that is in the amount "of my salary. I think it will be up to the guarantee. The congregations remain "about as usual, and there is nothing new or eventful in connection with the church "or cause."

Speaking of money matters, it may be mentioned, that the Missionary Meeting last winter, though the weather and roads were anything but propitious, were very good, and the results considerably in advance of last year.

Waterville.—Rev. George Purkis has been sorely afflicted during the latter part of the missionary year. He caught cold during some of his seasons of exposure to the weather, and has had a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism. He is now partially recovered, and we trust he may soon be able to resume his labours.

In his half yearly report he fears he may have to give up his appointment at N. Hatley. In that case he will go to the Mines

in the afternoon. His evening congregations there he reports are good, and likely to increase, as more miners are to be employed soon. He took up a collection there for the Missionary Society which amounted to $4.87. He writes:

"Things are about as usual at Waterville. The Congregations generally pretty "good; four new members have been received since last report, 3 by letter all "Swedes, and 1 by profession.

Here too the annual Missionary Meeting was good, and the results over last year.

ARCH DUFF,
District Secretary

NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

In our last year's report from this district, prominence was given to the fact that a large proportion of our missionary churches were without stated pastors, some of them having been so for a period of several years. After the lapse of a year it is with pleasure that we have to report that the aspect of things has changed and that most favourably with respect to these vacant churches. While none of them have been without partial supply throughout the year, for terms of from one to six months, two of them have obtained pastors. Other two have extended calls to ministers that have accepted the calls and are expected in the field in the course of a few weeks, and still another is being supplied by an excellent brother from the West. The church at *Canning*, N. S., at which place an interesting work of grace was reported last year in connection with the labours of the Rev. J. Whitman has, although not reporting itself as self supporting, sustained its minister during the past year without missionary aid. The church at Brooklyn and Beach Meadows is also at present practically independent of missionary help by the removal thither of the Rev. C. Duff to his former home at Brooklyn, though temporarily supplying along with your correspondent the church at Liverpool. In finances progress has been made. On the part of some of the churches contributing there has been a gratifying increase of liberality, while there are augmented returns from the Gorham estate investments. As we write the contributions of the churches are not reported in full, but it is confidently hoped that the district will have proved to be self supporting during the past year.

Kesswick Ridge, N. B.—This church which is "beautiful for situation," as it is also in the centre of the agricultural district, has

been vacant since the death of its former pastor, Rev. George Stirling in 1869. Although supplied only by student labour and the occasional services of the Rev. W. Williams of Sheffield, during the past few years they have kept together and the Master has graciously rewarded their faith and patience by giving them at length a pastor. In October of the past year, Rev. S. Sykes, of Pleasant River, accepted the call of the church of Keswick Ridge and has removed thither with his family. We subjoin a full and interesting extract from the only report yet received from him, bearing date November 26th:

In reference to the new field of labour, it would of course be premature to say much as yet. The church and people here were by Divine Providence favoured with the oversight and labours of their former esteemed pastor for over twenty years. His piety and labours are held in high repute and his name is beloved in many households. If it be the will of the great Head of the church that I may reap here "that whereon I bestowed no labour" my predecessor having already laboured and I entered into his labour, I trust that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. We are trying to introduce into the church a few of the more improved ways of doing the Lord's work. Among these is "the weekly offering system."

The plan was suggested a few Sabbaths ago from the pulpit with a brief statement of the advantages over other systems. The church and congregation were asked to consider the matter previous to the next church meeting.

If it meets with their approval it will go into practice at the commencement of the new year.

Several of the friends have already expressed themselves as favourably impressed with the plan.

We have three preaching stations besides that in the church on the Ridge (viz) Scotch settlement, Scotch Lake and Douglas. At the church we have service every sabbath morning, at the settlement every alternate sabbath afternoon and at each of the other places once a month. During the winter months when the weather will permit we intend keeping two and often three prayers meetings through the week, besides one which is held in the school house every sabbath afternoon at the close of the sabbath school. There is a deep interest taken in the school on the part of both teachers, scholars and parents. Our day school teacher in very zealous indeed in Sabbath school work. He has purchased a library of one hundred volumes and made a present of it to the school. One of our weekly evening prayer meetings is held in the church, the others are cottage prayer meetings held at the houses of persons who are aged or infirm and unable to attend public worship, of which there a number. Our sabbath congregations are increasing in number and interest and our prayer meetings in solemnity."

Pleasant River, N. S.—We rejoice to be able to report that the church which has enjoyed the labour of the Rev. S. Sykes for the past year has not had to remain long without a pastor.

The Rev. J. Shipperly, of Abbottsford, Quebec, at the request of your correspondent visited Pleasant River in December last and

preached for four Sabbaths. Subsequently the church there extended to him a unanimous call to the pastorate, which he has been pleased to accept. We have been notified of his intended departure from Abbotsford with his family last week "en route" for his new field of labour and are in daily expectation of hearing of his arrival. Much good is expected from the settlement, not only from the well known zeal, ability and missionary spirit of the new pastor, but also from the delightfully fraternal relation of the former pastor and people up to the time of his departure. On this point Mr. Sykes thus testified on leaving.

"In regard to my former field of labour at Pleasant River, I can sincerely say it has in my choicest feelings very many endearments. It was there something more than eight years since that I was publicly and solemnly set apart to the office of the Christian Ministry, by the imposition of the hands of devout men and, by invocation of the Holy Ghost. There too I have borne the heavey burden of minis-, terial responsibility and sometimes have been agitated by keen ministerial anxieties but there too have I been made to rejoice with that joy which thrills the heart of a minister of the gospel when through his work and in answer to his intercession men repent of their sins and unbelief and begin to love and serve the Saviour. While labouring in that extensive field, I formed many memorable acquaintances not only in connection with the members of our own church and adherents to our principles of church polity, but with Christians and friends of other denominations also. The pleasing sensation arising from such acquaintances often encouraged and stimulated me in my work when the spirit was willing and the flesh weak, weary and impaired with over much toil. And the parting from so many of these among whom I had laboured so long and so acceptably when the time of separation came even under intended modified circumstances, no farewell sermon &c., made me feel to some extent as did the apostle Paul when leaving Cæsarea for Jerusalem; "What mean ye to weep and to break my heart, &c. The apostle felt that the general good of the cause of his Master, required him to leave one place of labour and go and work in another: and then he went subordinating his own feelings and the feelings and entreaties of his friends to the will of his Divine Master."

Milton, N. S.—This church continues to receive a grant from the society on condition of its pastor acting as missionary secretary for N. S. and N. B. In a district so extended, and where committees can only be called together at great expense and at rare intervals, the duties of the secretary are onerous, and necessitate not only extensive correspondence but also considerable travel and frequent absence from his people. This deprivation the people have not grudged, becase seemingly inevitable, but the pastor is confident that it would conduce both to his own comfort and their profit had he less care and responsibility. The subjoined will be accepted as our report of this station.

Chiefly in the interests of health and also that he might visit beloved relatives the pastor was absent for four months in England and Scotland during the last

summer. Accidently he was able to turn his trust to some good account in the interests of these provinces by procuring the services of one young brother from Jersey who was engaged to come to one of our vacant churches and who has lately arrived in this country, while the attention of others was directed to these provinces as a field of labour.

Our pulpit was but partially supplied during our absence, by the following brethren. Rev. Dr. Wilkes, Rev. C. Duff and by students Black and Allworth. These brethren have our warmest thanks, and it is gratifying to be able to report that in default of regular preaching our people failed not to meet twice every Sabbath during our absence, for religious services, the deacon taking the lead of these meetings. Speaking of the deacon we much regret to have to report that our senior deacon died suddenly during our absence, and subsequently another of our deacons was removed with his family to Liverpool although still retaining his membership of the church here and expecting to worship with us on the Sabbath.

The year has not been one of numerical increase nor is there at all the spiritual life that we could desire.

There has been an unusual amount of sickness among the members of this church and their absence as well as that of our deceased deacon from our prayer meetings has been much felt. At the present time our people, in common with the whole community in Milton and Liverpool, are passing through a very trying commercial crises, and we can only pray that our Father in Heaven may bring great spiritual good out of these temporal reverses. Of hopeful indication we are pleased to report the following. Internal harmony. One third increase over the previous year in missionary contribution. A good Sabbath school and a very interesting pastor's young people's bible class kept during the winter months.

Brooklyn and Beach Meadows.—These stations although not yet reporting themselves independent of missionary aid have been so practically throughout the year. They met in full the expenses of Mr. James Black, student from Montreal, who supplied them with much acceptance during the summer months, and on the removal of Rev. C. Duff to Brooklyn during the winter he preferred to continue to do the work of Inspector of Schools for the county as before, and they supplement his income rather than that the church should again apply for missionary aid. The report of student Black, which is brief, is subjoined in full:

"Immediately, at the termination of the college session, I proceeded to the above named place, and found the spiritual and temporal affairs of our churches very low. But this was a matter of no surprise, inasmuch as they had been devoid of a regular pastor for some time. However, a change soon took place, indifference gave way to a lively interest, both in regard to regularity of attendance and desire to become, individually, more like Jesus Christ; and from the beginning of the 2nd month to the end of my sojourn I could scarcely wish for anything more. During the summer 4 were received into church fellowship, and the increase in the Sabbath schools was about 400 per cent."

Chebogue, N.S.—This ancient church has been long without a pastor, a want which has been much felt by the people. The hopes of the people have been frequently lifted up when some

minister has been invited to visit them for a time with a view to settlement; but their hopes were again cast down when for various reasons these candidates have declined the call to the pastorate. Yet certainly the people cannot be charged with a lack of zeal and liberality. Although so long without a minister they offer for the support of a pastor more than double what they offered a few years ago, and further to encourage them in their efforts, Captain Jenkyns, a member of the Yarmouth Church, has presented them with a house for a parsonage attached to which are about twelve acres of land. Rev. D. McCallum formerly of Markham supplied here with much acceptance from November until March the past winter. He was followed by Rev. James Hay for a month. But the former because he deemed the field too limited, and the latter because he deemed the climate not suitable to his own or his wife's health, which is very precarious, declined to settle. We subjoin Mr. McCallum's report of date March 24:

"By invitation of the Church and Missionary Society conveyed to me by a letter from Mr. J. Woodrow, I visited that field early in Oct. last. From the first I have thankfully to record the kindest reception by the friends in Chebogue. The Church seemed to be somewhat discouraged from being so long without a pastor and so far as I could judge were willing to exert themselves commendably to secure a minister. Regular services were held in the church twice each Sabbath, and a prayer meeting during the week, to which after a time was added a Bible class. The attendance at all these meetings was on the whole encouraging, and appeared to be much enjoyed by the friends. The church in the course of a few weeks saw fit to tender me a call to settle among them. For various reasons which I mentioned to them I could not give them a definite reply. About the end of January, I learned that the churches at Maitland and Noel had been looking for a visit from me in consequence of my name being mentioned to them by Dr. Wilkes on his visit last summer. I felt it my duty to visit these places, and after consulting with the Church I was asked to write to Rev. J. Hay to visit Chebogue, and had the happiness to welcome him there before I left. In order that the way might be clear for any arrangement which the Church and Mr. Hay might make, I remitted their call back to them—and my trust and hope is that Mr. Hay may receive and accept a call to the pastorate of that ancient church. There are some drawbacks to the field, but in past days the Lord has blessed it, and there is room for doing good still. I have gratefully to acknowledge the fraternal kindness of the Rev. A. McGregor of Yarmouth and family during my sojourn in Chebogue. I have only to add that the church fulfilled its pecuniary obligations to me

"Yours respectfully,

"D. MACALLUM."

Maitland and Noel, N.S.—This Church situated in Hants county, N.S., was formerly Presbyterian, but rather more than two years ago seceded with its pastor, the Rev. Jacob McLellan, from the Presbytery of Truro, and both subsequently were received into

the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The pastor's health having failed, and the people not being successful though most unanimous in their application to a minister of our order in this province to become their pastor, sought for student labour for the summer months. Mr. John Allworth was obtained and laboured with much zeal and acceptance. Rev. J. R. Kean and the Rev. D. McCallum supplied here during the winter months, but as yet no settlement has been effected. We much fear the consequences of this delay as possibly resulting in a scattering of the flock. May the Lord graciously supply their need. Mr. Allworth's report is as follows :—

"Four months of the vacation, viz., from May till September, were spent at Maitland and Noel, a most interesting field. This supply was under the auspices of the Missionary Society, but the church at these places neither received nor required aid from its funds.

"The field here is an extensive one, having three principal stations and two additional ones at which regular services were held.

"A tract of country is thus embraced, extending for more than 20 miles along the shore of the Cobequid Bay and Shubenacadie River.

"For some months previous to this the Congregations had been without regular preaching owing to the ill health of the pastor, Rev. J. McLellan, who was thus obliged to desist from all active pastoral work.

"But the people were found eager to have their services resumed, and throughout the summer the congregation steadily increased in numbers, and a lively interest was manifested.

"The five stations above mentioned were regularly supplied with such frequency as the nature of the field would admit.

"The people were found for the most part warm and true in spite of many discouragements and much opposition. All were anxious to see the cause established on a firm basis. There is abundant material here for the building up of a vigorous church, and to one willing to work the field is very promising. Moreover the establishment of Congregational principles in this community would be most desirable and beneficial. It was with regret that we left in the fall large and attentive congregations, much loath to be again without regular services, and all earnestly desiring that a pastor might speedily be found to guide and instruct them.

"Trusting that ere this such a one may have been directed thither, our earnest hope and prayer is that they may prosper and be built up, being ever kept under the care of the Master.

"J. A."

Margaree, Cape Breton.—Long, long, has this most interesting church waited and prayed for a pastor. The annual visits of stated pastors and student brethren while highly prized and productive of much good has only increased their thirst for the regular ministration of the Word. A dreary winter has the past one been in that romantic valley where no minister of any denomina-

tion was located to break the Bread of Life to the people, but now as we write the spring is come, and all in hope and expectation, for a pastor is coming to take care of the flock. In September of last year your correspondent most providentially when in London met with Mr. M. C. Williams, a young man of zeal, piety and some experience in the missionary work, who at the time was ministering to a small church in Jersey which owed its existence to his labours. The brother having conceived a desire to go to Margaree from the reports of parties from Jersey Isle who had been there for purposes of trade, sought an interview with us. The result was that having received the most favorable testimonials in regard to him from well known ministers in London to whom he referred me, and also from ministers in Jersey to whom we wrote, we engaged him to come out to Margaree in the spring of the year. It was our privilege to welcome the arrival of himself and wife at Halifax a few weeks ago. He was then suffering froma severe cold, but it is hoped that he is now better and has gone to his new home. Rev. A. McGregor of Yarmouth spent a few weeks in Margaree last summer, and his report is given below :

At the suggestion of the District Secretary, I spent a working holiday in July, with the church at Margaree, Cape Breton. Upon my arrival, the friends received me with open arms, and throughout my sojourn were indefatigable in their attentions. Between preaching, *genuine* pastoral visiting, baptizing, marrying, and confirming the brethren, I was in labours abundant. Sowing beside all waters is a standing duty and privilege in the kingdom of our Lord. I tried to cast *my bread* then upon the waters, in the firm belief that I shall find it after many days.

The dwellers in this beautiful valley watch for the promise of a pastor, as they that watch for the morning light. Thank God "The morning seems to dawn" upon them. Already, in Jersey's Isle, an echo is found to their Macedonian cry, and Providence seems to say to one "girded," "Watchman, hie thee to thy *quiet* home. O Lord, send now prosperity."

ROBT. K. BLACK,
District Secretary,
Milton, N.S.

May 14th, 1873.

LIFE MEMBERS.

By the donation of twenty dollars and upwards, at different periods, since the commencement of the Society. Five names of the undermentioned, marked (*) were life members of the Canada East Society.

Alexander Charles, Montreal.
Alexander Mrs., by her husband.
Alexander Henry M., Montreal.
Allworth Rev. W. H., Paris, Ont., by N. Hamilton, Esq.
Allworth Mrs. Rev. W. H., by the same.
Anderson Mrs. A., Georgetown, Ont., by George Anderson.
Anderson George, of Georgetown.
Anderson W., by G. Anderson.
* Baylis James, Montreal.
Baylis Mrs. James, by her husband.
* Bannister Mrs., Newburyport, Mass., U. S.
Barber James, Esq., of Georgetown, Ont.
Barber Mrs. James, of ditto.
Barber Joseph, Esq., of ditto.
Barber Mrs. Joseph, of ditto.
Barber Frederick, per Joseph Barber.
Barber Isabella, per James Barber.
Barber I. M., B.A.
Barber W. M., per Joseph Barber
Barber Miss F., per Joseph Barber, sen.
Bogart D. D., Belleville, Ont.
Boyd James, Vankleek Hill.
Burton P. H., Montreal.
Burton Mrs. P. H., by her husband.
Butters Daniel, Montreal.
Clarke J. P., Montreal.
Clarke Rev. W. F., Guelph, by Mr. E. H. Potter, Brantford.
Clarke Rev. Wm., by N. Hamilton, Esq., of Paris.
Clements N. K., Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.
Cooper James, Toronto, Ont.
Day Rev. B. W., of Markham, Ont., by the Sunday School.
Dennis Freeman, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia
Dougall John, & Son, Montreal.
Dunn Robert, Montreal.
Dunn Mrs. Robert, by her husband.
Ebbs Rev. Edward, by Mr. Norman Hamilton.
Ebbs Miss Sarah, by Mr. Norman Hamilton.
Ebbs Mrs. Rev. Edward, by her husband.
Fenwick Rev. K. M., Kingston, Ont., by G. Robertson, sen., Esq.
Fenwick Arthur M., Kingston, Ont.
Fenwick G. S., Kingston, Ont.
Fenwick Mrs. G. S., by her husband.
* Fisher Mrs. Dr., Montreal.
Foulds John, Montreal.
Hendry Mrs. Thomas, of Kingston, Ont.
Hibbard W. H., Montreal.
Hamilton Norman, Paris, Ont.
Hamilton Mrs. Norman, Paris, Ont., by her husband.
Hamilton Elizabeth Sarah, Paris, Ont., by her father.
Hannan M., Montreal.
Hutchins Benjamin, Montreal.
Ireland William, Montreal.
Jackson Rev. S. N., M.D., Toronto, by James Smith, Esq., architect.
Jamieson R. C., Montreal.
Jamieson Mrs. R. C., by her husband.
Leeming John, Montreal.
Leeming Mrs. John, by her husband.
Lewis David, Toronto.
Linton James, Montreal.
Linton Mrs. James, by her husband.
Linton Miss Mary, Montreal.
Linton Miss Mima, by her father.
Lyman Henry, Montreal.
Lyman Mrs. Henry, "
Lyman S. J., "
Lyman Theodore "
Lyman Henry L., by his father.
* Mayer J. C., now of Toronto.
Macdougall William, Montreal.
McDonnough William "
McEwen John, Kingston, Ont., by the Sabbath School.
McGregor Rev. Alexander, Yarmouth, N. S., by N. K. Clements, Esq.
McGregor Mrs. Rev. Alexander, by Freeman Dennis, Esq.
McLachlan J. S., Montreal.
McLachlan Mrs. J. S., "
McLachlan Mrs. Wm., "
McLachlan William, "
McLachlan W. B., by his brother, J. S. McLachlan, Montreal.
Mills Mrs. J. E., "
Moss George H., "
Marling Rev. F. H., Toronto, by N. McEachern, Esq.
Nivin William, Montreal.
O'Hara H., on Union Picture account, Bowmanville, Ont.
Potter Mrs. E. H., by Mr. E. H. Potter, Brantford, Ont.
Reikie Rev. T. M., of Bowmanville, Ont., by G. Robertson, jun., Esq., of Kingston.
Roaf Mrs. Rev. John, Toronto, by Rev. S. N. Jackson, M.D.
Ross W. R., Montreal.
Ross Mrs., by her husband.
Robertson Robert, Lanark.
Robertson George, sen., Kingston, Ont.
Robertson Mrs. George, sen.
Robertson George, jun., Kingston, Ont.
Robertson Mrs. George, jun., by her husband.
Robertson B. W., Kingston, Ont.

Robertson William, Lanark, Ont.
Robertson Mrs. William, by her husband
Robertson Thomas, Montreal.
*Stewart R. D., Philadelphia.
Savage Alfred, Montreal.
Savage & Lyman, Montreal.
Smillie W. C., Montreal.
Smillie Mrs. W. C., Montreal, by her husband.
Snarr John, Toronto.
Spalding Mrs. H. W., Montreal, by her husband.
* Tyler Rev. W. H., Pittsfield, Mass., U. S.
Turner John, Toronto, Ont.
Unsworth Rev. J., Georgetown, Ont., by James Barber, sen.
Unsworth Mrs. Rev. J., Georgetown, Ont.
Waddington W., Ont. Kingston, by the Cong. Sunday School.
Williston J. Payson, Northampton, U. S
Wood Rev. John, Brantford, by Mr. E. H. Potter.
Wood Mrs. Rev. John, by Mr. E. H. Potter, Brantford Ont.
Wood Miss Charlotte E., by Rev. John Wood and family.
Wood Miss S. E., by Rev. John Wood and family.
Wood Henry L., by ditto.
Wood Peter Wentworth, Montreal.
Winks George, Montreal.
Wickson Mrs. James, of Yorkville, by Rev. Edward Ebbs.
Whitlaw Charles, Paris, Ont.
Whitlaw Mrs. Charles, Paris, Ont.
Whitney N. S., Montreal.
Whitney Mary, Montreal, by Mrs. J. E. Mills.
Wilkes James, Brantford, Ont.
Wilkes Henry, D.D., LL.D., by M. F. & B. W.
Wilkes Mrs. Rev. Dr., by her husband.
Wilkes Mrs. James, by her husband.
Wilkes John Aston, by his father.

SUBSCRIPTIONS (OF ONE DOLLAR AND UPWARDS) AND COLLECTIONS, 1872–73.

ONTARIO WESTERN DISTRICT.

Amherstburg, $6.55.

Mrs. McGregor, $1, *Collection*, $5.55.

Brantford, $111.25.

Mrs. James Wilkes, to constitute Mrs. J. Wilkes a life member, $20 ; Rev. John Wood and family, $20 ; D. R. Blackader, $7 ; C. H. Waterous, G. H. Wilkes, J. F. Ott, $5 each $15 ; W. W. Belding, $3 H. Stround, W. W. Shackell, $2 each, $7 ; A. J. Wilkes, LL.D., Miss Davis, W. E. Welding, $2 each ; $6 ; F. P. Adams, J. Jackson, Mrs. Gold, J. O. Wisner, J. Cowherd, Dr. Allen, J. Woodyatt, Mrs. Pilkey, Mrs. Perry, C. B. M., W. Liggett, $1 each, $11 ; Subscriptions of 75c. and 50c., $6.25 ; Sunday school collections, $8.14 ; Collections on Lord's day, and at Missionary meeting, $10.11 ; Small sums, 75c. Total, $111.25.

Received after the accounts were closed.

Burford, $24.50.

S. school, $5 ; Mrs. Ross, R. Haywood, J. Keachie, J. M. Charles, Mrs. Charles Mrs. A. McWilliams, each $1 ; H. Cox, Mrs. Cox, each $5 ; Small sums, $3.50.

Douglas, $4.41.

Rev. Robert Brown, $2 ; Collection, $2.41 ; received from Douglas, since accounts were closed, $15 ; Robert Bichan, D. Currie, James Clyne, George Smith, Wm Douglas, R. Y. Blyth, John Hill, jun., Mrs. Hill, W. T. Blyth, Peter Gerrie, Rev. Joseph Little, $1 each ; and subscriptions under $1, amounting to $4.

Eramosa Speedside, $5.00.

Received from Speedside Eramosa since the accounts were closed $30.28. No list was sent.

Garafraxa 1st and Fergus, $31.32.

J. S. Martin, W. Ransom, W. Simpson, And. Gerrie, George Gerrie, S. Hastings John Mitchell, $1 each ; E. Barker, $1.40 ; subscriptions of 50c. and under $9.64. Collections, $2.33.

Collected at Fergus, G. S. Armstrong, $2 ; Miss White, $1.25 ; J. Ironside, E. Barker, each $1 ; 50c. and under $1. Collections $4.70

Forest and Warwick, $71.

Watford collection, $2.75 ; by Miss Kingston, $11.55 ; Warwick collection $1.91 ; by Misses Eccles and Thomas, $15.70 ; Ebenezer church collection, $2.80 ; by Misses Brodie and Campbell, $8 ; Forest, $7.37 ; Lake Shore collection, $3.32 ; by Messrs Johnson and Hamilton, $16.60.

Garafraxa North, $8.53.

Guelph, $56.31.

Miss Hodgskins, $2 ; Chas. Grundy, $1 ; Mrs. and Mr. Hodgskins, $10 ; Rev. W. F. Clarke, $5 ; E. H. Arms, $5 ; S. Boult, $1 ; Mrs. Budd, $1 ; R. Thompson, $1 ; R. Baker, $1 ; E. Newton, $2 ; J. Crowe, $1 ; Mrs. Tatham, $1 ; A. M. Jackson, $1 ; A. Worsley, $1 ; Mrs. Arms, $2 ; D. Molton, $1 ; E. Pasmore, $1.50 ; T. Lawrence, $1 ; J. Pilcher, $2 ; Geo. Howard, $1 ; Mrs. Bates, $1 ; Sunday subscriptions of less than one dollar, $14.63. Total, $57.13 ; less expenses 80c.

Hamilton, $200.

Kelvin, $18.38.

Kincardine and Bruce, $23.

Rev. N. Mackinnon, $1.65 ; N. Mackinnon, Hugh Cameron, Coll McDougall, John Mackinnon, John Shane, Alex. Brown, Arch. Bell, Donald Mackinnon, John McLean, each, $1 ; James Gilchrist, $1.50. Sums below a dollar, $8.85. Collection $2.00. Total $23.

London, $116.50.

Capt. Millar, Jno. Cameron, Mr. Hicks, H. Mathewson, each $5 ; Wm. Rowland, Mrs. Webster, Rev. R. W. Wallace, each $2 ; Wm. Cameron, sen., W. Cameron, jun., A. T. H. Johnson, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Stark, Mr. Johnston, Wm. McIntosh, Miss Perdom, Mr. George James, Miss Wallace, Miss Lawes, Mr. Lawson, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Wm. Davis, Mrs. Green, Mr. H. Davis, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Cannon, Mr. Geo. Marshall, Mr. Davis, Mrs. MacDonald, Mr. Cossar, Mr. H. Rowley, Wm. Riddel, Mr. Pendell, Miss H. Smith, Mr. Geo. Cannon, Mr. Robt. Marshall, each $1 ; Mrs. Jepson, $1.25 ; Sums under one dollar, $14.90 ; Geo Mathewson $1 ; Collected at Westminster, Wm. Walter, $2 ; Wm. Richardson, Geo Decker, Sol. Dale, F. Anderson, John McGregor, each $1 ; Sums under a dollar, $7.25. Collections, $29.10. Total, $116.50.

Listowel, $34.50.

Mr. Mortimore, $5 ; Mrs. Mortimore, $2.50 ; G. C. Mortimore, $2.50 ; G. S. Climie $2 ; W. Climie, A. Climie, Mrs. Austin, George Climie, Jennie Climie, Kate Climie, each $1 ; A. McMillan, $2 ; R. F. Climie, $1 ; Sums below a dollar, $6 ; Collections $7.50. Total, $34.50.

Paris, $230.50.

C. Whitlaw, $50 ; Mrs. C. Whitlaw, $50 ; N. Hamilton, $30 ; N. Hamilton to constitute Mrs. W. H. Allworth a life member, $20 ; H. Hart, $9 ; A. H. Baird, $6 ; Rev W. H. Allworth, $5 ; Mrs. P. Adams, $5 ; T. Hill, $2 ; D. Finlayson, $1.60 ; J. Sanders

$1.50; J. Robinson, $1.50; Mrs. J. Tufford, $1.48; Mrs. Horace Capron, Miss Allworth, E. Allworth, A. Allworth, Dr. Cook, Jas. Finlayson, C. Whitlaw, jun., J. Comie, Mrs. D. Patton, D. Patton, R. Palmer, C. Arnold, R. Campbell, Miss Sovereign Mrs. J. Sovereign, Mrs. Campbell, J. Brockbank, W. Hunter, J. Wight, W. Walton, Mrs. Davey, Mrs. Storr, W. W. Clay, J. Roberts, T. Walker, Mrs. Fry, J.B. Morrison, Mr. Grimshaw, Mrs. Baker, each $1; Infant class, $1.50; Mrs. Allworth, $2. Sums under a dollar, $4.92. Collections, $10. Total, $230.50.

Sarnia, $11.25.

Southwold, $25.

Stratford, $42.17.

Subscriptions received by Miss Jennie Marshall, Dr. Hyde, $4; Mr. Sharman, $4; Colonel Daly, $4; Rev. W. H. Heu de Bourck, $3.20; Joseph Sharman, $1; Mr. Welsh, $1; Messrs. Berch, $3; Mr. Workman, $1; Mrs. Read, $1; Mrs. Reynolds, $1; Mr. Walter Marshall, $1; Andrew Marshall, $1; Subscriptions under a dollar, $6.50; Collections $10.47. Total, $42.17.

Scotland, $17.55.

Wm. Hay, $1; S. D. Malcolm, $1; Marcus Malcolm, $1; Albert Foster, $1; Mr. Vaughn, $1; D. W. Malcolm, $1; Dan. Smith, $1; G. Willett, $1; Augustus Malcolm, $1; Mrs. C. J. Malcolm, $1; Sums below a dollar, $5.40; Collections $2.15. Total, $17.55.

Tilbury, $32.72.

Turnberry, Howick and Wroxeter, $30.

Collected by Mrs. J. Gemmill, $18; by Mrs. D. Gemmill, $9.50; Collections, $2.50.

New Durham, on account of previous year, $7; R. Wallace, London, $1; George Smith, Douglas, $1; also for last year.

W. C. $10; 30th December, 1872.

Half the legacy of Mr. Thomas Fletcher Beverley, $750.00.

ONTARIO MIDDLE DISTRICT.

Albion, $20.40.

Collection at annual meeting, $4.00.

Collected by Misses Starrett and Brown, $16.40. J. F. Warbrick, $2; L. R. Bolton, $1; J. Bolton, D. Morton, $1; S. Bolton, $1; Mrs. L. R. Bolton, $1; W., $2; Small sums, $7.40.

Alton and Erin, $42.20.

Justus Lemon, Walter McClellan, Mrs. J. Morris, John McClellan, J. F. Holden, M. Bull, William McClellan, Joseph Waite, Mrs. Denny, James McClellan, $1.00 each; Small sums, $6.10; Collections, $5.62. Total, $21.72 from *Alton*.

Rev. M. S. Gray, $2; Dugald McGill, Mrs. McGill, D. Blair, G. Thompson, $1 each; Duncan McGill, $2; Small sums, $11.07; Collection, $1.50. Total, $20.57 from *Erin*.

Bowmanville, Collection $9.

Georgetown and Churchill, $123.25.

G. Anderson, $20, life member for W. Anderson; James Barber, sen., $20; Joseph Barber sen., for Miss F. Barber life member, $20; J. M. Barber, B.A., $1; Joseph Barber, jun., $1; John Barber, $1; Jessie Barber, jun., $1; James

Barber, jun., $1; R. Burchill, $1; Mrs. R. Burchill, $1; R. S. Burchill, 50c.; Mr. Anderson, $1; Ezra Bessy, $1; D. Cross, $1; J. Farquhar, $1; G. Goulding, $1; J. C. Hurst, $1; John Anderson, $1; R. Lynn, $6; J. O'Neil, $1; Mrs. Dr. McCullough, $1; R. Reid, $1; W. Hardy, $1; Mrs. T. Swain, $1; Mrs. D. Stuart, $1; Mrs. Unsworth, $1; Mr. Sumbling, $1; Mrs. Wapshot, $1; Mrs. G. S. Goodwillie, $1; N. Murdoch, $2; G. Barnes, $1; Small sums, $5.25; Public collection, $14. Total, $112.75 from *Georgetown.*

Churchill.—John Glen, $1; John McCutcheon, $1; John Smith, $1; S. Johnson, $1; D. Anderson, $1; Small sums, $5.50. Total, $10.50, from *Churchill.*

Manilla, $48.84.

Markham, $21.92.

Collected by Misses Annie Campbell and Emma Pringle. D. Cash, $4; J. A. Wales, $2; Mrs. J. A. Wales, $1; H. R. Wales, $1; Mrs. H. R. Wales, $1; Mrs. A. Robinson, $1; Mrs. D. Reesor, $1; Mrs. J. Dobinson, $1; Small sums and collection, $9.92. Total, $21.92.

Newmarket, $24.50.

Collected by Mrs. M. W. Bogart, and Mrs. T. Botsford, $7; Rev. A. Shand, M.D., LL.B., $2; Mrs. T. Botsford, $1; Sums under one dollar, $4.

Collected by Miss Libbie Millard and Miss Currie, $13.50. Mr. Joseph Millard, $2; Mrs. Dr. Bently, $2; A friend, $1.25; Mrs. J. H. Millard, $1; Alex. Millard, $1; Mrs. John Warner, $1; Miss Adelia Millard, $1; Miss Libbie Millard, $1; Subscriptions less than a dollar, $3.25; Public collection, $4.

Oro, Rugby and Vespra, $82.53.

Rugby.

Collected by Misses Fell and Ormsby. C. Harvie, $1; Mrs. Harvie, $1; R. Roberts, $1; James Ball, $1; John Johnston, $1; Sums under one dollar, $5. Total, $10.50.

Bethesda.

Collected by Misses M. Addison and L. Gardner. W. J. Lauder, $2; J. Thomas, $2; T. S. MacLeod, $2; M. A. Thomas, missionary box, $3; W. Gardner, $1; J. Gardner, $1.; Stephen Gardner, $1; T. Grey, $1; Mrs. Graham, $1; H. Cannon, $1; R. Milbee, $1; P. Cavanagh, $1; Mrs. Cockburn, $1; Mrs. Campbell, $1; John Cannon, $1; R. Richardson, $1; Sums under one dollar, $12.80. Total, $33.80.

Vespra.

Collected by Misses Bond and Monteith. Mr. and Mrs. Locke, $2; Robert Russell, $2; John McGowan, $2; Wm. Smith, $2; James Russell, $1; J. M. Smith, $1; David Garven, $1; Robert McGowan, $1; Charles Wattie, $1; Wm. Partridge, $1; James Partridge, $1; Alex. Coutts, $1; George Wattie, $1; Sums under one dollar, $13.67; Total, $30.67. Public collections, $8.06.

Owen Sound, received too late for the accounts this year, $23.

Colpoy's Bay, received after accounts were closed, $4.75; less expense of deputation, $1.

Stouffville, $44.06.

Rev. B. W. Day, $2; Mrs. J. Day, $2; Mr. T. Millard, $2; Mr. J. Nichol, $1; Mrs. T. Millard, $1; Mr. J. Smith, $1; Mrs. M. Mertens, $1; Mr. C. D. Mertens, $1; Mr. J. Mertens, $1; Mr. J. Germon, $1; Sums under one dollar, $9.60; Collec-

tion at Stouffville, $12; Collection at Altona, $6; Sunday School, $3.46; Total, $44.06.

Toronto Zion Church, $215.85.

Collectors:—Mrs. Clapp, Elliott and Potts, and Misses Christie, Howell, Ashdown, Rodden and Alderdice, W. C. Ashdown, $1; Mrs. J. Adams, $2; John Adams, jun., $5; Miss Adams, $1; H. N. Baird, $5; Mrs. W. B. Bolton, $1; Miss Blackburn, $1; John Black, $1; A. Christie, $1; Mrs. J. C. Clapp, $1; Samuel Davidson, $10; William Dixon, $5; Mrs. Robert Dunlop, $2; Mrs. William Ellingsworth, $1.50; Mrs. John Elliott, $1; Mrs. Dr. Elliott, 50c; William Freeland, $2; Friend, $2; A friend, $1; Two friends, 50c; Samuel Grey, $1; Charles Green, $1; Mrs. John Grant, $1; Joseph Greenfield, $1; S. J. Grant, $1; David Higgins, $15; G. A. Hine, $10; Captain Hamilton, $1; Mrs. John F. Howell, $1; Mrs. Maria Hutchinson, $1; Mrs. G. L. Hulme, $1; Miss Howie, 50c.; James Hales, 50c.; Rev. Samuel N. Jackson, M.D., to constitute Mrs. Rev. John Roaf a life member, $20; Thomas Lounsbrough, $5; John Lovelock, $1; Mrs. Leaman, 25c.; Mrs. R. McPhail, $4; J. D. Nasmith, $5; Mrs. William Nicholl, $2; Thomas Norman, $1; Edwin Potts, $1; George Pinn, $2; Miss M. A. Parker, 50c; Dr. J. H. Richardson, $5; James Smith, to constitute Rev. Samuel N. Jackson, M.D., a life member, $20; John Snarr to constitute him a life member, $20; James, Stibbs, $5; Alfred Standon, $1; William Liddell, $1; Mrs. C. J. Thornley, $1; John Wickson, $15; Henry Wickson, $4; John Wightman, $3; Mrs. T. Webb, $2; John Wolfe, $1; Alexander Wylie, $1; Mrs. James Wickson, $1; Mrs. H. Welch, 60c.; Missionary collection, $14. Total, $215.85.

Toronto Bond st., $200.

Sabbath Collection. $25; Sabbath School, $46; Anonymous, $20; Anonymous, Sundry small amounts, $2.75; Ladies Dorcas Society, $5.10; Rev. F. H. Marling, $10; Mrs. Marling, sen., $5; Mr. McDunnough, $5; Mr. Ireson, $5; Mr. Tolfrie, $10; Mr. Wey, $5; Mr. Wilkie, $5; Mrs. Dack, $1; E. Dack, jun., $1; Mr. Laird, $1; Mr. Hewlett, $2; Mr. Anderson, $2; Mrs. Hunter, $1; Mr. Jeannerett, $1; Mrs. Carlisle, $1; Mr. Beckett, $2; Mr. Millard, $2; Mrs. McGregor, $1; Mrs. Freeland, $2; Mr. Tolhurst, $1; Miss McCord, $1; Mr. Wyles, $1; Mr. McIntosh, $1; Mr. Mrredith, $1; Mr. Granger, $2; Mr. Francis Robinson, $2; Mrs. Hunter, $2; Mr. Woodhouse, $2; Subscriptious of 50c. each $3.85; Mr. Turner, $22.20. Total, $200.

Toronto Northern, $51.83.

Mr. George Hague, $5; W. W. Copp, $2; C. Page, $2; A. McKinley, $2; Ths. Edgar, $3; Mrs. Buelle, $1; Rev. Thos. Baker, $4; Mrs. Sims, $2; Mr. Christie, $1; Mrs. Smith, $1; Mr. Hartil, $1; Mr. Bache, $1; Sums under one dollar, $2.70. Collection at Missionary meeting, $24.13. Total, $51.83.

Pine Grove and Thistleton, $49.01.

Pine Grove, $40.64.

W. A. Wallis, $4; W. Hartman, $4; Mrs. W. W. Smith, $2; S. Hartman, W. Jeffrey, Wallace Bros., John Pool, Chas. Pegg, John Abell, Mrs. J. Elliott, Mrs. Stevenson, D. Witherspoon, Henry Akam, $1 each, W. W. Smith, $2; Sums under one dollar, $11.05; John McCallum, $1; Collection, $1.59; Pine Grove Sunday school, 5. Total, $40.64.

Thistletown $8.37.

J T. W. Wallis, J. W. Wallis, Mrs. J. T. W. Wallis, $1 each; 6 small sums $1.30; Collection, $4.07. Total, $8.37.

South Caledon without list, $17.20.

Whitby, $50.50.

Ross Johnston, $2; Mrs. Hood, $1.50; Mr. Fuller, $2; Miss M. Fuller, $1; Rev. S. T. Gibbs, $1; R. M. L. Gibbs, $1; A friend, $5; Mrs. Sonley, $1; Mrs. J. T. Byrne, $1; Mr. Castle, $1; Mrs. Howard, $1; Mrs. Hawley, $1; W. Burns, $1; Wm. Johnston, $1; King Brothers, $1; Mrs. Eggleston, $1; John Hill, $1; J. H. Perry, $1; Mrs. McGilvray, $1; M. Shaw, $1; Mrs. E. Caldwell, $1; Mrs. Gerrie $1; J. H. Greenwood, $1; A friend, $1; Y. Gibson, $1; Mr. Tanner, 70c.; Subscriptions of 50c. each, $3; Small sums $1.05; Collection Communion service and Sabbath day, $8.25; Collection at Missionary meeting, $4; A friend,$ 2.

Rev. Horrocks Cocks per Rev. F. H. Marling, $50.

ONTARIO EASTERN DISTRICT.

Belleville, $79.76.

Rev. R. Lewis, $4; B. B. Ross, $4; A. G. Northrup, $2; Jos. Wilson, $2; F. J. Gillett, $2; T. J. Shanks, $2; R. Stevenson, $5; E. W. Holton, $5; Wm. McKeown, $1; A. Christie, $5; W. Slack, $1; Wm. Meek, $1,50; Mr. Miles, $1; F. McAnnany, $1; A. L. Bogart, $1; Dr. Tracey, $1; Geo. S. Tickell, $4; Thos. Watkins, $4; A. L. Geen, $2; W. Johnson, $1; Dr. Hope, $1; W. W. Jones, $1; T. Tillinghart, $2; Dr. Holden, $2; A Friend, $1; R. White, $5; Collections. $15.01. Small sums, $3,25.

Cold Springs, $39.92.

Family of late Rev. C. Pedley, $5; Mrs. McCullough, $2; John McCullough, $2; Wm. Eagleson, $2; Mrs. John Davidson, $1; Mrs. Stewart, $1; Sam. McCullough, $1; Mr. Latimore, $1; Mr. Kent, $1; John Newton, $1; R. Eagleson, $1; N. Davidson, $1; D. Sidey, $1; Mrs. Ketty, $1; Mary Kelly, $1. Subscriptions under one dollar, $10.75. Collections, $6.60.

Cobourg Collection, $7.50.

Also the following too late for this year's accounts.

Field & Bro., $10; John Field, $4; H. Evans, $2; F. W. Field, $2; Wm. Kerr, $2; H. Crossen, $1; J. P. Field, $1; N. Cole, $1; Mrs. Bailey, $1; G. Brunet, $1; C. Lawes, $1; Miss Dickinson, $1; sums less than one dollar, $1.70; Amount, $28.70.

Indian Lands, $26.54.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kennedy, $4; Janet Kennedy, $1; Mrs. Wm. Kennedy, $1; Donald Munroe, $1; P. A. McDougall, $1; Rev. Wm. Peacock, $2; Mrs. P., $1; Mrs. D. McEwan, $1; Finlay McEwan, 50 cts.; Malcolm McDougall, $1; Alex. McDougall, $1; Mrs. T. Munroe, $1.50; John A. McEwan, $1; Peter McDougall sen., $1; Alex. McEwan, $1; Donald McColl, $1; Donald Kennedy, $1; Thos McEwan, $1; Donald McEwan, 50cts; John Robertson, $1; John G. McEwan, $1 Collection, $2.04.

Kingston, $268.

G. Robertson & Son, $100; G. S. Fenwick, $50; B. W. Robertson, $20; Mrs. T. Hendry, $10; K. M. Fenwick, $10; J. A. Breck, $5; G. Chaffey, $5; J. McMillan $5; T. Robertson, $5; A Friend, $5; Thos. Hendry, $4; Miss Sampson, $2; J. A Hendry, $2; Mrs. Sweetland, $2; J. Barlow, $2; E. Morhan, $2; Mrs. F. Folger, $2

Wm. Robinson, jun., $2; Miss Coy, $1; T. Hayward, $1; T. McBride, $1; Miss Glessup, $1; G. Thompson, $1; L. B. Spencer, $1; T. Hewitt, $1; J. R. Rattenbury, $1; W. Dowsley, $1; T. Clyde, $1; J. McEwen, $1; T. Savage, $1; A Friend, $1; under one dollar, $2; Sunday School, to constitute W. Waddingham a life member, $20. Total $268.

Lanark First Church, $22.25.

Middleville without list, $11.25.

Rosetta, $11.

James Robertson, $4; Wm. Aiken, $1; Wm. Craig, $1; Robt. Peacock, $1; Thos. Young, $1; Arch. Robertson and Wm. Givens, each 50cts.; smaller sums, $1.80; a little boy, 20cts.

Lanark Village, $75.32.

Rev. J. Brown, $5; Boyd Caldwell, $10; John Mair, $8; W. Robertson, to constitute Mrs. W. Robertson a life member, $20; Miss Glossup, $2; Robt. Robertson, $2; Jas. Richardson, $4; John Reid, $1; Mrs. Reid, $1; Thos. Bains, $1; James Bowers, $1; Thos. Watt, $1; John Robertson, $1; John Wardrobe, $1; Mrs. A. G. Hall, $1.50; Thomas Francis, $1; John McIntyre, $1; fourteen subscriptions, 50cts. each, $7; seven, 25cts. each, $1.75; Collection at Missionary meeting, 4 07. Robt. Watt, $1.

Martintown and Roxborough, $21.72.

P. Christie, $2; Mrs. Christie, $2; Hugh Christie, $2; Angus McDiarmid, $2; Hugh McDairmid, $2; Arch. Campbell, $1; Philip McGregor, $1; Mrs. McCallum, $2; Roderick Smart, $1; D. R. McCallum, $1; John Foulds, $1; Collection, $3.82; Mrs. Helmer, 50c.; cash 15c.; cash 25c.

Ottawa, $60.

Wm. Kerr, $10; Mr. Farquhar, $5; Mrs. Walders, $4; James Jarvis, $3; John Hill, $2; W. A. Lamb, $2; Mrs. John Lamb, $1; Thos. Gallagher, $1; R. J. Rodden, $1; Miss Shopley, $1; G. Dixon, $1; R. Higman, $1; W. H. Johnson, $1; Mr. Ogilvey, $1; Mrs. Ogilvey, $1; Mr. Ruthven, $1; Dr. Leggo, $1; Mrs. Brown, $1; Mrs. Sutton, $1; John Dewar, $1; Mr. Stiff, $1; Mr. Young, $1; A. J. Stephens, $1; Mr. Thackeray, $1; H. McLean, $1; Mr. Mathewman, $1; Mrs. L. Porter, $1; A Friend, $1; under one dollar, $3; Collection, $9.

Vankleek Hill, $25.

A. D. Tweed, $2; James Foote, $2; Mrs. Hutchinson, $2; T. C. Ross, $1; J. D. Cameron, $1; Wm. McKillican and family, $3.75; D. Young, $1; Sums under one dollar, $1.50; J. P. Wells, $3; Simeon Cass, $1; Collection, $6.75.

Rev. Richard Lewis, *Belleville*, $4.

Legacy from late Robert Craig, Esq., *Lanark*, $100.

QUEBEC DISTRICT.

Brigham, Collection $11.80.

Cowansville, Collection $28.20.

Danville, $10.56; and since accounts were closed $7.

Collection $8.56; J. L. Goodhue, $2; Total, $10.56.

Too late A. J. Parker, $1; J. Stockwell, $2; C. Beckford, $1; J. McKillican, $3. Total $7.

Durham, $6.27.

Collection $2.02. Collected by Annie Blake, Mrs. Magar, $1; Small sums 90c. Collected by Emma Richards, Mrs. Alexander, $1; Mrs. J. Alexander, $1. Small sums 35c.

Eaton and Learned Hill, $34.23.

Eaton as follows $28.80.

Collected by Miss Jennie C. Powers and Augustine Hurd, S. A. Hurd, $4; Hiram French, $3; Dr. G. W. Powers, $2; Rev. E. J. Sherrill, $3; M. Lebourveau, $1; Mrs. E. A. Sawyer, $1. Sums under one dollar, $6.25.

Collected in Cookshire by Isabella French, $3.

Collected by Emily Hill, W. B. Brown, $1; H. N. Hill, $1; Emily Hill and Hannah Hill, $1.

Collection at annual meeting, $2.55.

Learned Hill.

Collected by Mrs. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. E. Learned, $1; Small sums $2.75. Collected by Mrs. Learned, $1.25; Learned Plain collection, 43c. Total, $5.43.

Fitch Bay, $15.72.

Also since accounts closed, $22.60.

Collection at Coburn School house, $3.83.

Collection in Church at Missionary meeting, $3.46.

Collection at Tichurst School house, $8.43. Total, $15.72.

Collected by Miss Emma Blake, Fitch Bay, $6.60; L. P. Adams, $2; John G. Christie, $1; Loren Magoon, $1; Small sums $2.60.

Collected by Miss F. Blake, Magoons Point, $3.25; Thaddeus Blake, $1; Belsey Magoon, $1; Small sums $1.25.

Collected by Miss A. Brainard, Tichurst School house, $5.75; T. D. Brainard, $3; Israel Brainard, $1; Joshua R. Davis, $1; Small sums, 75c.

Collected by Miss F. Brown, Brown's Hill, $7; J. B. Shurtliff, $1; Small sums $6. Total $22.60.

Granby, $47.

Granby Village, $27.87.

D. D. Nighswander, $2; S. H. C. Miner, $2; J. Kay, $1; H. Lyman, $1; R. Nicol, $1; R. McCleod, $1; E. W. Morgan, $1; Geo. Boyd, $1; James A. Downs, $1; James Horner, $1; Mrs. Lynch, $1; A. Laughery, $1; A. Kay, $1; G. E. McIndoe, $1; E. T. Miles, $1; H. Fewtreuil, $1; Sums under a dollar, $3.50. Collection, $6.37. Total, $27.87.

South Ridge, $19.13.

John Duncan, $2; J. Barr, $1; D. Fuller, $1; Robt. Allen, $1; W. Robinson, $1; G. Trelford, $1; Wm. Marshall, $1; Alex. Chalmers, sen., $1; Alex. Chalmers, jun., $1; James Chalmers, $1; Subscriptions 60 cents. Collection, $7.53.

Melbourne.

Collected at Missionary meeting, $10.18.

Windsor Mills.

Seth Andrews, $2; H. J. Brown, $2; J. S. Brown, $1; Mrs. Jos. Brown, $1; Under a dollar, $4.65. Collection, $3.80. Total. $14.45.

Montreal, $586.07 *including* $5 *belonging to last year.*

Half collections at Missionary Prayer meetings, $15.07. Ladies Missionary Association, $100; Rev. Dr. Wilkes, to constitute his son J. A. Wilkes, a life member, $20;

J. S. McLachlan, to make W. B. McLachlan, a life member, $25; Robert Dunn, to make Mrs. Dunn a life member, $20; W. R. Ross, $20; William Ireland, $20; Henry Lyman, $25; Mrs. Lyman, $20; John Dougall & Son, $20; James Linton to constitute Miss Mina Linton, a life member, $20; R. C. Jamieson, $20; P. H. Burton to constitute Mrs. Burton a life member, $20; Thomas Robertson, $20; James Baylis, $25; Theodore Lyman, to constitute Henry L. Lyman, a life member, $20; W. C. Smillie, $24; Wm. Moodie, J. C. Barton, Charles Alexander, Rev. Charles Chapman, $10 each; J. Brown, A. Spaulding, C. R. Black, Mrs. E. H. Lay, Henry Birks, Elias Gay, Wm. Reid, Wm. McDougall, Henry Vennor, Robert Mills, Rev. Dr. Cornish, $5 each; Wm. Lawes, John McIntosh, $4 each; Robert Freeland, $3; James Williamson Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Grafton, Mrs. Nivin, G. Cheney, S. J. Lyman, Thos. Shapley, J. C. Beers, $2 each; Mrs. Utting, $1.50; A. Douglas, Mrs. J. B. Sutherland, Mrs. Gibb, Miss Robertson, Miss W. Rowe, Dr. Thompson, J. B. W., D. W. McFarlane, Mr. Chandler, James Chadwick, Miss Greene, Mrs. Sabine, R. Herring, John Ritchie, Cash, Mrs. Rowell, $1 each; under one dollar, $2.50.

Received after the accounts were closed, G. W. Moss, $20; Alfred Savage, $5; Anthony McKeand, $4; John Dougall & Co., $5; Wm. McDonough, $5. Total $39.

Collection at the annual meeting in Montreal, $16.25. Donation through Mr. Baylis from Mr. Frith, of England, $49.

Stanstead Plain, Collection, $8.47.

Sherbrooke and Lennoxville, $101.08.

Hon. J. S. Sanborn, $5; T. S. Morey, $5; Andrew Paton, $5; Rev. A. Duff and Mrs. Duff, $5; E. Hargrave, $5; Chas. Brooks, $4; J. G. Robertson, $4; C. H. Fletcher, $3; Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Foss, $3; Miss Kate, and Rev. A. Duff, jun., $2, $3; Mr. E. A. Dickenson, $2; Thos. J. Tack, $2; Mrs. Lemuel Farwell, $2; Jno. C. Eaton, $2; Miss H. C. Farnham, $2; John McNicol, $2; Mrs. Oughtred, $2; M. McKechnie, $1.50; A. Stevens, $1.50; H. S. Caswell, $1.25; Mrs. N. J. Sanborn, $1; Samuel Tuck, $1; Wm. White, $1; S. Le Rouveau, $1; Mrs. S. N. Crane, $1; E. H. Duff, $1; Wm. Addie, $1; James Sangster, $1; Joseph Laing, $1; S. J. Foss, $1; Matthew Read, $1; J. F. McKay, $1; J. S. Walton, $1; H. Hubbard, $1; Samuel F. Morey, $1; G. C. Foote, $1; W. F. Myron, $1; Mrs. Chs. Brooks, $1. Sums under a dollar, $5.01. Collected at Missionary Meeting, $3.02. Collection at Sherbrooke, $7.50; E. W. Abbott, Mrs. Abbott, E. Ball, $4; Mrs. Dean, $1.25; Messrs. Bradford & Morehouse, $2 after accounts were closed Mrs. McLellan and family $1.75.

Waterville, $29.20.

Collected by Misses McIntosh and Johnston, Geo. Purkis, $2; John McIntosh, sen., $1.50; C. O. Swanson, $1; W. Johnston and L. W. Wyman, $1; F. C. Wiggett and A. M. Swanson, $1; O. P. Yonson and L. Yonson, $1; John McIntosh, jun., and James McIntosh, $1; John Barkin and S. Vance, $1; L. M. Emerson, and L. Jennings, $1; John Bell, and F. Fowler, $4; C. H. Woodward and A. Webster, $1; D. Jones, and Mrs. Eadie, $1; James Lyttle and C. Alson, $1; O. Anderson, and L. Anderson, $1. In small sums $3.65. Charles Collins, $1. Collection at Waterville, $4.18. Collection at Mines, $4.87.

Too late for the year's amounts Invernss, $19.70.

Donald Sillars, $1; Arch. McKillop, $1; Duncan Cook, $1; Mrs. J. McKinnon, $1; Mr. & Mrs. P. Campbell, $2; A. D. Campbell, $1; Mr. & Mrs. James Kelsis, $1; Thos. Johnston, $1; Mr. Campbell, sen., $1. Under $1, $1.55. Collection $8.55; $9.75. Total $19.70.

NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

Rents, Dividends and Interests, $554.30.

Additional from Pleasant River in 1872, $10.

Additional from Keswick Ridge, N.B. 1872, $7.04.

Liverpool, Brooklyn and Beach Meadows, received too late for this year's accounts. $26.63, Revd. C. Duff, $4; W. Anderson, $2; J. Crowell, $1; G. Taylor, $1: H. Haughn, $1; Mr. M. Chandler, $1; H. Wentzel, $1; J. Chandler, $1; Sundry sums, $14.55.

Milton, N.S., $80.54.

Hon. F. Tupper, $8; Mrs. F. Tupper, $5; Miss E. Tupper, $5; W. H. Freeman, $4; E. H. Freeman, $4; A Friend, $4; R. K. Black, $10; Miss J. G. Tupper, $2.43; J. Tupper, $2; A. Tupper, $2; R. Knowles, $2; J. Parsons, $1.50; Mrs. P. Freeman, $1.50; H. Bell, $1.25; C. H. Whitman, $1.10; N. Tupper, $1; Dr. Freeman, $1; Miss E. Freeman, $1; F. W. Tupper, $1; H. Tupper, $1; N. Smith, $1; F. Tupper, un., $1; Mrs. C. Morton, $1; M. & L. Black, $1; C. H. Black, $1; J. Vanhorn, $1; N. Whitman, $1; Sabbath School, $5.20; Sundry sums, $9.56. Total, $80.54.

St. John, N.B., on account, $50.00.

Sheffield, N.B., $72.40.

Collected by Miss Annie A. Harrison.—Hon. C. Harrison, $4.00; Mrs. C. Harrison, $2; Miss M. Harrison, $1; A. Harrison, M.P.P., $2.50; Mrs. A. Harrison, $2.50; J. Harrison, $1.30; Mrs. J. Harrison, $1.50. Total, $15.

By Miss Lottie R. Upton.—Charles Burpee, M.P., $2; Whitehead Barker, $1 Mrs. C. Bridges, $1; H. Burpee, $1; M. Burpee, $3; A. Burpee, $1; Mrs. A. Burpee, $1; Small sums, 80cts. Total, $10.80.

By Miss Louisa Burpee and Miss Alice H. Bridges.—Rev. W. Williams, $1; Mrs. Williams, $1; George Williams, $1; Frank Williams, $1; Mrs. Sarah E. Burpee, $1; H. P. Bridges and family, $4; Jeremiah Burpee, $4; Charles P, Clara, $1; Stephen Burpee, sen., $1; Mrs. George Burpee, $1; D. h. Burpee, $1; Mrs. D. H. Burpee, $1; Moses Burpee, $1; Louisa Burpee, $1; Tyler Burpee, $1; Mrs. Stephen Burpee, $1. Total, $22.

By Miss Lizzie Barker.—Archibald Barker, $2; Mrs. A. Barker, $2; Joseph Barker, $2; Mrs. Joseph Barker, $2; Lizzie Barker, $1; C. J. Burpee, $1; Mrs. C. J. Burpee, $1; Mrs. Clayton, $1; Mrs. James Harrison, $1.60; Thomas Logan, $9. Total, $22.60.

By Mr. James Burpee.—James Burpee, $1; Ebenezer Burpee, $1. Total, $2.

Yarmouth $92.50; and received too late to include in the years accounts, $33.50.

N. K. Clements to constitute Rev. A. McGregor a life member $20; Freeman, Dennis, to constitute Mrs. McGregor, a life member, $20; Jonathan Horton, $10; James D. Dennis, $10; Robt. Ellinwood, $10; Dennis Horton, $10; Captain J. M. Davies, $4; John Crawley, $4; James E. Clements, $4; E. S. Williams, $4; Israel Horton, $2; James Horton $2; Shelden [Lewis, $3; Charles Horton, $2; C. W. Clements, $1; W. T. Sterritt, $1.50; A. J. Lincoln, $1; Jacob Silver, $1; W. Hatfield, $1; Henry Dudman, $1; Benjamin Ellinwood, $1; Collection, $13.50. Total, $126.

Chebogue Church collection, $3.30, after accounts were closed.

Margaree Church collection, $4, after accounts were closed.

Pleasant River collection, $6, after accounts we reclosed.

DR. GENERAL STATEMENT. *CR.*

To Contributions from ONTARIO WESTERN	$1094 94	By paid to ten Ministers in ONTARIO WESTERN	$1374 17
" " ONTARIO MIDDLE	1051 18	Missionary Deputations, Expenses, and Committees' Expenses	69 17
" " ONTARIO EASTERN	730 21*		1443 34
" " QUEBEC	971 48	By paid ten Ministers in ONTARIO MIDDLE	1238 50
" " NOVA SCOTIA and NEW BRUNSWICK	866 78	Missionary Deputations, Expenses, and Committees' Expenses	94 04
To Cash from Colonial Missionary Society	2179 86		1332 54
To Balance in hand, April, 1872	130 70	By paid to seven Ministers in ONTARIO EASTERN	1022 50
		Missionary Deputations, Expenses, and Committees' Expenses	56 72
			1079 22
		By paid eight Ministers in QUEBEC DISTRICT	964 50
		Committee and Deputation Expenses	34 16
			998 66
		By paid to seven Ministers in NOVA SCOTIA and NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT	675 95
		Expenses of Committees and Deputations	110 60
			786 55
		By General Expenses, including printing the Annual Report, Stationery, Postages and Telegrams	137 10
		By Balance for payment of July quarter, to which the Society is pledged, amounting to $1620.00	1247 74
	$7025 45		$7025 45

* This includes a legacy of $100 from the late Robert Craig, Esq., Lanark.

Note.—One half the legacy of the late Thomas Fletcher, Esq., Beverley, has been received, and is made a special eposit in the Bank. See this report, p—

To Balance for July quarter $1247 74
Amount of July quarter, $1620, leaving a deficiency of $372 26

HENRY WILKES, *General-Secretary-Treasurer.*

These accounts we have examined and found correct, leaving a balance in the hands of the Secretary-Treasurer of twelve hundred and forty-seven dollars and seventy-four cents.

Montreal, April, 1873.

ALFRED SAVAGE,
JAMES BAYLIS, } *Auditors.*

THIRTY-FOURTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE

OF

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA,

PRESENTED AT THE

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION, HELD AT BRANTFORD, JUNE 6TH, 1873.

Montreal:
PRINTED BY JOHN LOVELL, ST. NICHOLAS STREET.
1873.

Form of a Bequest.

I give and bequeath to the Treasurer for the time being of the Congregational College of British North America, a body corporate by Act of Parliament of the Province of Canada, A.D., 1864, the sum of_____ _____[Either without designation, or "*to be added to the Endowment Fund* of said College,"] out of my estate without any charge or deduction whatever, to be paid with all convenient speed after my decease; and I direct that the receipt for the said sum of the Treasurer for the time being of the said College shall be a sufficient and valid discharge of said legacy.

N.B.—The Act of Incorporation contains the following clause:—

"*No bequest in favour of said Corporation shall be valid unless made at least six months before the death of the person making the same.*

OFFICERS

OF THE

CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE.

1873--74.

Chairman:—

THE REV. CHARLES CHAPMAN, M.A.

Treasurer:—

MR. R. C. JAMIESON.

Secretary:—

THE REV. GEORGE CORNISH, LL.D.

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THE REV. DR. WILKES,	Messrs. P. W. WOOD,
" K. M. FENWICK,	" HENRY LYMAN,
" A. DUFF,	" HENRY VENNOR,
" JOHN FRASER,	" C. R. BLACK,
" R. K. BLACK,	" THEO. LYMAN,
Messrs. C. ALEXANDER,	" W. R. ROSS,
" JAMES BAYLIS,	" JAMES WOODROW,

ROBT. BENNETT.

Principal:—

THE REV. HENRY WILKES, D.D., LL.D.

Professors and Lecturers:—

THE REV. DR. WILKES,

Systematic Theology, Homiletics, Pastoral Theology and Church History.

THE REV. G. CORNISH, LL.D.,

Greek Testament Exegesis.

THE REV. CHARLES CHAPMAN, M.A.,

Evidences and Biblical Literature.

THE REV. K. M. FENWICK,

Historical Theology.

Auditors:—

MESSRS. J. B. LEARMONT AND ROBT. MILLS.

I. COURSE OF STUDY.

According to the Regulations of the College, the Full Course of Study extends over five Sessions, and is divided into a Literary Course of two Sessions, and a Theological Course of three Sessions. Candidates for admission to the Full Course must be prepared to pass the Matriculation Examination of the McGill University, in the following subjects:—

Classics, Mathematics, and English.

In Classics.—Latin Grammar, Greek Grammar, and one easy Latin and one easy Greek author. The authors recommended are:—Cæsar; Sallust; Virgil (Æneid B. I.); Xenophon (Anabasis, B.I.); Homer (Iliad B.I.).

In Mathematics.—Arithmetic; Algebra, to Simple Equations, inclusive; Euclid's Elements, Books I. II. and III.

In English.—Writing from dictation.

For the literary and scientific subjects of the Full Course, the students attend the classes of the Faculty of Arts in McGill College, according to the terms of affiliation with the University, in which Faculty the Full Course extends over four years and leads to the Degree of B.A. But in the Third and Fourth Years, Theological students are allowed exemption from attendance on certain classes, should they desire it. Thus the studies of the Third and Fourth Years of the Full Course are prosecuted simultaneously in the Faculty of Theology and in the Faculty of Arts. The work of the Fifth Year is confined to the Faculty of Theology.

The following is the course of study in the University which students in Theology must pass through in order to obtain the Degree of B.A.:—

First Year.—Classics; French or German or Hebrew; English Literature; Pure Mathematics; History; Elementary Chemistry.

Second Year.—Classics; French or German or Hebrew; English Literature; Logic; Pure Mathematics; Botany.

Third Year.—Classics; English Literature; Mental and Moral Philosophy; Mixed Mathematics; Zoology.

Fourth Year.—Classics; Mental and Moral Philosophy; Mixed Mathematics; Mineralogy and Geology.

The Theological Course proper begins with the Third Year of the Full Course and extends over three full Sessions. It embraces the following subjects:—(1) Systematic Theology; (2) Historical Theology; (3) Pastoral Theology; (4) Homiletics; (5) Greek Testament Exegesis; (6) Church History; (7) Evidences and Biblical Literature.

In both Departments, the Session begins at the middle of September; and examinations are held at Christmas and at the end of the Session in the several subjects of the year. Students must pass these examinations as a condition of maintaining their proper status. Candidates who are admitted to the Theological Course proper ("Shorter"), in accordance with § 3, Chap. IV. of the Regulations, are required to attend such classes in McGill College as the Faculty of Theology may deem expedient and also to pass the examinations of such classes.

II. BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

CHAPTER I.

OF THE CORPORATION.

1. This Corporation is called "THE CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA."

2. Its object is to educate Ministers for the Congregational Churches of Canada and the other Provinces of British North America.

3. All who contribute one dollar annually to the funds of the College are members of the Corporation, and entitled to a voice in the management of its affairs.

4. A Regular Meeting of the Corporation is held annually, for the reception of the Report of the retiring Directors, the election of a new Board and the transaction of other necessary business.

5. The Annual Meeting is held at the same time and place as that of the Congregational Union of Canada.

6. Special Meetings of the Corporation may be held for the transaction of special business, on a requisition to that effect to the Chairman of the Board of Directors, signed by, at least, twenty members of the Corporation. Provided always, that no such Special Meeting be held without two months' public notice thereof, signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Directors.

CHAPTER II.

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

1. The Board of Directors is elected from members of the Corporation, and consists of a Chairman, Treasurer, one or more Secretaries, and not less than ten, nor more than fifteen other members, who hold office for one year, but are eligible for re-election.

2. Five members of the Board form a Quorum.

3. The functions and duties of the Board are:—The oversight and management of the affairs of the College during their year of office; and on the expiration of the same, to present a report of their proceedings, as well as of the general condition of the College, to the Corporation at its Annual Regular Meeting, or at such other times as the Corporation may require.

4. The proceedings of the Board of Directors are subject to the sanction of the Corporation, and are regulated by By-laws, which may be enacted, amended, or repealed at any Annual Meeting.

5. Vacancies in the Board, whether occurring by death or resignation, may be filled by the board, as soon after their occurrence as it may see fit. Provided always, that no such appointments be made without a vote of, at least, a majority of the members of the Board.

CHAPTER III.

OF THE PROFESSORS.

1. The Professors receive their appointment from the Corporation; or in exceptional cases, from the Board of Directors, subject to the approval of the Corporation.

2. Their duties and their salaries are determined by such regulations as the Corporation may from time to time ordain in that behalf.

3. The Professors constitute a Faculty of Theology and, as such, are entrusted with the educational department of the College, subject to the sanction and control of the Board of Directors.

4. In cases of Discipline, the Faculty may admonish or reprimand a Student, or prohibit his attendance on the classes, preliminary to reporting him to the Board to be further dealt with.

5. The Faculty are required to make regular reports of their proceedings to the Board.

CHAPTER IV.

OF CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION.

1. Every Candidate for admission into the College must present to the Directors the testimony of the Church of which he is a member, respecting his piety and apparent suitableness to the work of the Ministry, together with a written statement of the grounds of his own conviction that he is called of God to that work, and of his views of Christian doctrine and Church Government.

2. Candidates for admission to the Full Course must be prepared to pass the Matriculation Examination in the McGill University.

3. Candidates who are graduates of any University, or who can satisfy the Board that they are otherwise possessed of sufficient acquirements, may be at once admitted to the Theological Course. Also, as exceptional cases, such candidates may be admitted to that course as it may be expedient, in the judgment of the Directors, to train as preachers, without the ordinary literary culture.

4. Approved Candidates are received on a probation of four months, at the close of which, if the result of their probation be satisfactory, they are admitted to the Full Course.

CHAPTER V.

OF THE STUDENTS.

1. Students are, during their Literary Course, under the general supervision of the Theological Professors, and take such subjects in the Theological department as the Board may direct.

2. The Students, both in the Literary and the Theological Department, are required to attend exclusively to the studies approved by the Board.

3. Every Student, on his admission into the College, is required to sign a declaration of obedience and consent to the By-laws and Regulations of the College.

4. Students are allowed to live with such families only as are approved by the Board of Directors. Changes of above must be promptly notified to the Secretary of the College.

5. Attendance upon the classes in the College and the use of the Library is allowed without charge to the Students. Aid may also be granted to them from its funds, to meet the expense of board;—the amount of such aid to be fixed at the beginning of each Session.

6. As a part of their preparation for their future work, the Students, under the sanction of the Directors, preach the Gospel, as they have the opportunity.

7. Every Student, when admitted into the College on the expiration of the term of his probation, is required to procure a formal dismissal from the Church to which he formerly belonged, and, without delay, to obtain admission into a Congregational Church in the place in which the College may be. Such dismissal and admission must be reported by him to the Board. Furthermore, he is expected to be as regular as possible in his attendance upon the service, ordinances and church-meetings of the Church to which he belongs during his College course.

8. Students are not allowed, during their College course, to enter into the marriage relationship, without the knowledge and consent of the Board of Directors.

9. Students who leave the College, without obtaining the official sanction and discharge of the Board, are required to refund to the College the amount expended by it for their education.

10. Churches who desire the services of Students with the view of permanent settlement in the Pastorate, or otherwise, are requested to communicate with the Board, through the Secretary.

CHAPTER VI.

OF THE COURSE OF STUDY AND EXAMINATIONS.

1. The Full Course of study extends over five Sessions, and is divided into a Literary Course of two Sessions, and a Theological Course of three Sessions.

2. In the Theological Department, the course of study includes the Original Languages of the Scriptures, Biblical Literature, Systematic and Pastoral Theology, Church History, Homiletics, and Exegesis of the Greek Testament, with such other accessory subjects as the Board of Directors may from time to time appoint.

3. In the Theological Course, the Students are examined at the close of each Session, in all the subjects of the year. The examinations are conducted by Examiners (among whom the Theological Professors are included) chosen by the Board of Directors and by means of printed questions and written answers to the same. Those who pass are arranged according to their Proficiency, as 1st Class, 2nd Class, and 3rd Class. If a student fail to pass in any subject, he is required to undergo a Supplemental Examination in the same. The results of these Sessional Examinations are recorded by the Board, and reported to the Corporation at the Annual Meeting.

4. The Session in the Theological Department begins on the second Wednesday in September, and ends on the second Wednesday in April.

5. The Professors are at liberty to hold, during the Session, such Class Examinations as they may deem necessary, either in the manner aforesaid or orally.

6. In the Literary Course, Students are required to pass such examinations as may be appointed by the Faculty of Arts of the McGill University. The Board of Directors are required to obtain from the said Faculty of Arts a Report of the Examinations of the Students in the several subjects thereof and also of their attendance and conduct during the Session in the University, and to present the same at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation.

CHAPTER VII.

GENERAL REGULATOINS.

1. In reference to matters not provided for in the foregoing By-laws, the Directors may act according to their discretion;—subject always to the approval of the Corporation at any Regular Meeting.

2. Alterations may be made in the By-lawsand Regulations, or new ones added, by any Annual Regular Meeting of the Corporation, provided that notice of such alterations or addition has been given at the meeting next preceding.

III. LIST OF ALUMNI.

	Name.	Whence.	Date of Leaving.	Where.
1.	Ludwick Kribs	*Eramosa*	1841	*United States.*
2.	Stephen King	*Glanford*	1842	
3.	Leonard McGlashan	*Pelham*	1842	*Died.*
4.	Samuel Finton	*Glanford*	1842	*Canada Pres. church.*
5.	James Vincent	*Coventry, England*	1842	*New Millford, Ill.*
6.	Edward Ebbs	*Guelph*	1843	
7.	William Lumsden	*Peterborough*	1843	*Ch. of England.*
8.	Wm. F. Clarke	*London, Ont*	1844	*Guelph.*
9.	Thomas I. Hodgskin	*Guelph*	1845	*Episcopal Ch.*
10.	Robert Robinson	*Montreal, 1st Church*	1458	*Indian Mission*
11.	John Bowles	*Montreal, 1st Church*	1845	*Died.*
12.	Norman McLeod	*L'Orignal*	1844	*Salt Lake City.*
13.	W. H. Allworth	*Southwold*	1845	*Paris, Ont.*
14.	Thomas Snell	*New York State*	1846	*Died.*
15.	Thomas Searight	*Toronto, Zion*	1847	
16.	Thomas Bayne	*Montreal, 2nd Church*	1846	*New Haven, N. Y.*
17.	George G. Wickson	*Toronto. Zion*	1847	
18.	William Hay	*Warwick*	1847	*Scotland, Ont.*
19.	Henry Lancashire	*Montreal, 1st Church*	1847	*Saratoga.*
20.	K. M. Fenwick	*Montreal, 2nd Church*	1847	*Kingston.*
21.	Charles McKay	*Montreal, 2nd Church*	1846	*Died.*
22.	John C. Geikie	*Moore*	1847	*London, Eng.*
23.	F. H. Marling	*Toronto, Zion*	1848	*Toronto, Bond st.*
24.	A. Wickson, LL.D	*Toronto, Zion*	1848	*England.*
25.	John Wood	*Montreal, 1st Church*	1849	*Brantford.*
26.	John McKillican	*Vankleek Hill*	1851	*Canada S. S. Union.*
27.	John Fraser	*Stanstead*	1851	*Montreal, Eastern.*
28.	Robert K. Black	*St. John, N.B.*	1852	*Milton, N.S.*
29.	George Ritchie	*St. John, N.B.*	1852	*Boston, Mass.*
30.	Daniel McCallum	*St. Andrew's, Que*	1852	
31.	James Hay	*Warwick*	1852	*Derby Centre, Vt.*
32.	E. A. Noble	*Hamilton*	1852	
33.	Enoch Barker	*Sheffield, N.B.*	1853	*Fergus.*
34.	Archibald Burpee	*Sheffield, N.B.*	1854	*Abington, Mass.*
35.	John Campbell	*Indian Lands*	1855	
36.	James Boyd	*Montreal, 1st Church*	1856	
37.	Philip Shanks	*Beauharnois*	1856	*Australia.*
38.	Malcolm McKillop	*Inverness*	1858	*Died.*
39.	Robert G. Baird	*Lanark*	1857	*Armada, Michigan.*
40.	A. Macdonald	*Montreal, 2nd Church*	1857	
41.	Robert Hay	*Scotland, Ont*	1858	*Crystal Lake, Ill.*
42.	George A. Rawson	*Lanark*	1859	*New York State.*
43.	Joseph V. Bryning	*Scotland, Ont*	1860	*Kansas.*
44.	John R. Kean	*Inverness, Que*	1860	*Nova Scotia.*
45.	Robert Burchill	*Toronto, Zion*	1861	
46.	Robert Brown	*Caledon*	1861	*Garafraxa.*
47.	John Brown	*Caledon*	1861	*Lanark, Ont.*
48.	Benjamin W. Day	*Brantford*	1861	*Stouffville.*
49.	Geo. Strasenburgh	*Kingston*	1861	*Madrid, N. Y.*
50.	John G. Sanderson	*Kingston*	1862	*Ottawa.*
51.	J. Malcolm Smith	*Scotland, Ont*	1862	*Amherstburgh.*
52.	Charles Duff	*Toronto, Bond st*	1862	*Brooklyn, N. S.*
53.	Alex. McGregor	*Manilla*	1862	*Yarmouth, N.S.*
54.	Richard Lewis	*Sarnia*	1863	*Belleville.*
55.	James Douglass	*Toronto, Bond st*	1863	*Can. Pres. Ch.*
56.	J. A. R. Dickson	*Brantford*	1865	*Toronto, Northern.*
57.	Richard T. Thomas	*Toronto, Zion*	1865	*England.*
58.	Samuel N. Jackson	*Brome*	1865	*Toronto, Zion.*
59.	Elisha Stiles Lyman, B.C.L.	*Montreal*	1866	
60.	John I. Hindley, M.A.	*Eramosa*	1869	*Frome.*
61.	William M. Peacock	*Lanark*	1869	*Vankleek Hill.*
62.	Duncan McGregor, B.A.	*Manilla*	1872	*Shaftesbury Hall, Montreal.*
63.	Robt. W. Wallace, B.A.	*Markham*	1872	*London, Ont.*
64.	W. H. A. Claris	*Frome, Ont*	1872	*Sarnia, Ont.*
65.	Daniel D. Nighswander	*Stouffville*	1872	*Granby, Que.*
66.	John Allworth, B.A.	*Paris*	1873	
67.	Joseph Griffith	*Jamesville, N. Y.*	1873	*Cobourg.*
68.	Edwin D. Silcox	*Southwold*	1873	*Oro and Rugby.*

IV. PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE

OF

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA,

1873.

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation of the CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA was held in the Congregational Church, Brantford, on Friday, June 6th, 1873.

(1) On motion, Wm. P. Carter, Esq., was appointed Chairman, and the Rev. Enoch Barker, Secretary of the Meeting. The Rev. John Fraser offered prayer.

(2) The Secretary of the College read the Report of the Board of Directors, and, in the absence of the Treasurer, the Report of the Finances for the past year.

(3) Moved by the Secretary; seconded by Mr. Thos. Robertson, and resolved:—

That the Report now read be received and adopted and printed for circulation; and that the following gentlemen be the Board of Directors for the ensuing year:—

Chairman—Rev. Charles Chapman, M.A. *Treasurer*—Mr. R. C. Jamieson. *Secretary*—Rev. George Cornish, LL.D. *Directors*—Revs. Henry Wilkes, D.D., LL.D., K. M. Fenwick, A. Duff, John Fraser, R. K. Black;— Messrs. C. Alexander, Henry Lyman, James Baylis, P. W. Wood, H. Vennor, C. R. Black, Theo. Lyman, W. R. Ross, Jas. Woodrow, and Robt. Bennett. And that Messrs. J. B. Learmont and Robert Mills be requested to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

(4) Moved by the Rev. S. N. Jackson; seconded by the Rev. W. F. Clarke; and resolved:—

That this Meeting has heard with much pleasure that the Board of Directors were enabled to carry into effect the instructions given to them in the matter of the appointment of Lecturers on special subjects, and tenders its cordial thanks to the Rev. Chas. Chapman, M.A., and the Rev. K. M. Fenwick, for the valuable aid they so readily rendered in the same; and that the Corporation will be especially gratified to learn that, during the coming year, the Board have been able to secure the ablest assistance in the department of Biblical Literature.

(5) Moved by the Rev. W. H. Allworth; seconded by the Rev. Robt. Brown; and resolved:—

That the suggestion of the Board as to the expediency of constituting Boards of Examiners for the purpose of encouraging and counselling young men who may be purposing to enter upon the work of the Ministry be concurred in; and, further, that the Associations of the several districts of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec be respectfully requested to take charge of this matter.

(6) Moved by the Rev. K. M. Fenwick; seconded by the Rev. John Salmon; and resolved:—

That this meeting cordially concurs in the recommendation of the Board, that steps be taken to raise at least $20,000 for the endowment of a Chair of Theology in the College; and would earnestly commend this important movement to the friends of the College for their sympathy and liberal co-operation.

(7) Moved by the Rev. R. K. Black; seconded by the Rev. D. McGregor; and resolved:—

That the cordial thanks of this Corporation be given to the Colonial Missionary Society for the valuable pecuniary aid rendered by it in the prosecution of the work of the past session of the College.

(8) Moved by the Rev. W. F. Clarke; seconded by the Rev. F. H. Marling; and resolved:—

That the cordial thanks of this meeting be given to the esteemed Principal and Secretary for their visitorial work among the churches on behalf of the College.

(9) Moved by the Rev. K. M. Fenwick; seconded by the Rev. J. I. Hindley, M.A.; and resolved:—

That the cordial thanks of the friends and supporters of the College are due to the Revd. Prof. Cornish, L.L.D., for his efficient service in the department of Greek Testament Exegesis, and as Secretary of the Board; a service all the more valuable from its long continuance and the cheerful spirit with which it has been rendered.

(10) Dr. Cornish gave notice of motion for next annual Meeting as follows:—

That §1, chap. II. of the By-laws and Regulations be altered by substituing the words *fifteen* and *twenty* for the words *ten* and *fifteen* respectively.

After prayer, the Corporation adjourned.

ENOCH BARKER,
Minute-Secretary.

Brantford, Ont., June 6th, 1873.

V. REPORT FOR SESSION 1872-73.

The Board of Directors respectfully present to their constituents the following as their Report of the work and condition of the College during the thirty-fourth year of its history.

The Session was opened on the evening of Wednesday, September 18th, with the usual public service in Zion Church, the Chairman of the Board presiding. The Rev. W. F. Clarke, at the request of your Board, delivered the opening address on the topic of *Christ and Modern Thought*. The classes were at once organised, and the work of the Session in both Departments was begun; and it continued, without material interruption, till the time for closing the Lectures and holding the Examinations arrived. The final service was held on Wednesday evening, April 16th, at which the Rev. W. H. Allworth, who had been specially invited by your Board to assist in the examinations, delivered the address to a large and attentive audience. The Rev. Mr. Palmer, of Wells River, Vt., also delivered an address. The thanks of the College are due to Messrs. Clarke and Allworth for the valuable services they thus cheerfully rendered on these occasions.

Your Board have much pleasure in reporting that they found no difficulty in carrying into effect your instructions, given at the last Annual Meeting, to make arrangements for special courses of Lectures in the Theological Department of the College. At their first meeting, they resolved to invite the Rev. K.M. Fenwick, of Kingston, to deliver a special course on *Historical Theology*, and the Rev. Chas. Chapman, M. A., of Montreal, to deliver a course on *Evidences and Biblical Criticism*. These gentlemen cordially accepted the invitation extended to them, and each delivered a special course on the subject assigned to him, and held an examination in the same, of which the Reports will be found below. Your Board regret that it was not in their power to make a more adequate remuneration for these valuable services than that made. The Principal and Dr. Cornish held their classes as usual.

Your Board have further to report, that the Principal and Dr. Cornish have, in accordance with your request, visited a considerable number of the Churches since the close of the Session; and that the Principal, during the latter part of the last vacation, also visited Churches in various parts of the provinces of Quebec,

Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick. Reports of these visits will appear in appendix to this Report. There can be no doubt that such visitation is of value, not merely to the interests of the College, but also to those of the Churches at large; and it is, therefore, to be desired that, if possible, it be systematically and periodically maintained.

At the close of last Session, the number of students whose names stood on the Roll was nine. During the ensuing vacation, Messrs. R.M. Burgess and Crowell notified the Board of their withdrawal from the College, at the same time asking what terms they would be allowed for refunding the moneys they had severally received from the College Funds during the period of their connection with it. This retirement was duly recorded, and the terms of repayment were specified and formally agreed to. Thus seven students remained. Four new applications for admission were received; three from Ontario and one from Nova Scotia:—one for the Full Course and three for the Theological. Of these Candidates,three were received on probation; the other was recommended, but purely on the ground of inadequate preparation, to withdraw his application for a season. The number, therefore, at the beginning of the Session was ten: but one of the probationers in the Theological Course found the work more then he, owing to his want of previous training, could satisfactorily accomplish, and he consequently withdrew before the end of his probation. Mr. J. W. Clarke was prevented by illness from resuming his studies and subsequently withdrew altogether. It is due to Mr. Clarke to state, that he has been in correspondence with your Board as to the terms of his refunding to the College the amount received by him from its Funds. Mr. Nighswander, whose course of study was interfered with by the death of the late Principal, applied for admission as an occasional student for the latter half of the Session and was admitted. The two probationers, Messrs. Cox and J. B. Silcox, after a very satisfactory probation, were admitted to the status of students of the College. Thus the Roll stood as follows:—

(1) John Allworth, B.A:; Full Course, 5th year.
(2) Joseph Griffith; Full Course, 5th year.
(3) Edwin D. Silcox; Theological Course, 3rd year.
(4) William McIntosh; Theological Course, 2nd year.
(5) James R. Black; Full Course, 3rd year.
(6) John Findlay Malcolm; Full Course, 2nd year.
(7) Jacob W. Cox; Full Course, 1st year.

(8) John B. Silcox; Theological Course, 1st year.
(9) Daniel D. Nighswander; Occasional.

Your Board have much pleasure in reporting favourably as to the conduct, diligence and success of the students, but they regret that ill-health has interfered with the studies of Messrs. Griffith and McIntosh; so much so in the case of the former that he was prevented from going up to the examination for his Degree which he would doubtless have creditably passed. Messrs. Allworth, Griffith, and E.D. Silcox have completed their course and have received from your Board the certificates to that effect. They have already entered your the active duties of their office, with much promise of future usefulness.

The following are the Reports of the studies and examinations in the several classes.

(1) Dr. Wilkes reports:—

I have pleasure in reporting the zeal and industry in their studies and the excellent conduct of all the students during this 34th Session. Six were in the Theological Department until Christmas, and seven after that date. Mr. Nighswander, who lost nearly half-a-session's lectures by the sudden decease of the late Principal, had them made up to him this year

Mr. Griffith had already attended certain Lectures belonging to this year's course under Dr. Lillie, and was not, therefore, required to be examined in them again. Mr. McIntosh has been prevented by severe illness from attending the Lectures during the latter half of the Session. It became necessary after Christmas to form two classes in Church History and Systematic Theology, one of the First year, and the other of the Third year. The whole number of Lectures in Theology has been fifty, of which the last twenty-six were divided between said two classes. Church History forty-five, of which the last twenty-three were so divided.

The subjects of the Lectures in Systematic Theology until Christmas were the Being and Perfections of God; after that date, the doctrine of the Trinity, including the Divinity of Christ and the Personality and Divinity of the Holy Spirit, together with Creation, occupied the First year students, while the Third year gave attention to Social Worship and the Sacraments. In Church History, the first half of the Session was occupied with the first three centuries; the latter half was devoted on the part of First year students to the period between 323–692, A. D., and by the Third year to the Reformation of the sixteenth Century, from 1540 to 1600, A.D. The General Class attended ten Lectures on Homiletics, and performed exercises in plans of sermons, Homilies, &c. They also took six lectures on the Evidences of Christianity, and eighteen in the Department of Biblical Criticism, being Old Testament Introduction, on the books of the prophets Major and Minor and the Hagiographa. Written examinations on all these subjects were required, the results of which will be found in the tabular statement below. We are indebted to the Rev. W. H. Allworth of Paris, Ont., for assistance in conducting the Sessional Examinations.

CHRISTMAS EXAMINATIONS, 1872.

Evidences of Christianity. (*Aggregate* 100)
Class I. Griffith (95), Allworth (86), J. B. Silcox (80), Black (78), E. D. Silcox (75).
Class II. McIntosh (67).
Class III. None.

Systematic Theology. (*Aggregate* 100)

Class I. Griffith (80).
Class II Black and J. B. Silcox, equal (60); Allworth and McIntosh, equal (52); E. D. Silcox (50).
Class III. None.
Church History. (*Aggregate* 100)

Class I. Allworth (81), Griffith (72).

Class II. J. B. Silcox (62), Black (51).
Class III. E. D. Silcox (43), McIntosh (35).

Modern Science and Theology. (Mr. Chapman. *Aggregate* 100)

Class I. Allworth (87), Griffith (82), J. B. Silcox (76).
Class II. McIntosh (57), Black (50).
Class III. E. D. Silcox (38).

SESSIONAL EXAMINATIONS, 1873.

Systematic Theology. First Year. (*Aggregate* 100)
Class I. Black and J. B. Silcox, equal (86).
Third Year. (*Aggregate* 120)
Class I. Nighswander (111), Allworth (110), E. D. Silcox (99).

Church History. First Year. (*Aggregate* 120)

Class I. J. B. Silcox (109), Black (92).

Third Year. (*Aggregate* 110)
Class I. Griffith (106), Allworth (101), Nighswander (100).
Class II. E. D. Silcox (66).

Homiletics. (*Aggregate* 130).

Class I. J. B. Silcox (112), Allworth (102), Black (101).
Class II. E. D. Silcox (86).

O. T. Introduction. (*Aggregate* 100)

Class I. Allworth (83), J. B. Silcox (82).
Class II. Black (61), E. D. Silcox (50).

HENRY WILKES, D.D.,
Principal and Prof. of Theo. and Ch. Hist., &c.
Cong. Coll. of B.N.A., April 15th, 1873.

(2) Dr. Cornish reports:—

The Class under my charge has met once a week and has read the first eight chapters of St. Mark's Gospel. A written examination, extending over three hours, was held in the same on April 1st, the results of which are herewith presented. I

bear cordial testimony to the regularity, good conduct, and diligence of the students during the Session:—

Greek Testament. (*Aggregate* 100)
Class I. Griffith (89)
Class II. Nighswander (63); Allworth and Black and J. B. Silcox, equal (51).
Class III. E. D. Silcox, (41).
(McIntosh, Ægrotabat).

(3) Mr. Fenwick reports:—

I have, according to appointment, delivered a Course of Lectures on Historical Theology before the students of our Theological College this Session. They embraced the Ante-Nicene period; but as the time for preparation was limited, attention could only be given to the dogma of the Apostolic Fathers, and to that of the Apologists. Ten Lectures were given.

My intercourse with the students was exceedingly pleasant, and left impressions very favourable both as to their piety and their earnestness. The absence of Dr. Wilkes in Hamilton enabled me to have two reviews; one of which especially was very satisfactory.

The result of an impartial examination of their papers may be thus given:—

(*Aggregate* 150)
Class I. Allworth (118), J. Griffith (115), J. B. Silcox (111), D. D. Nighswander (107).
Class II. J. R. Black (90), E. D. Silcox (83).

K. M. FENWICK.

Kingston, Ont., 12th April, 1873.

(4) Mr. Chapman reports:—

During the Collegiate year I have delivered twenty-two Lectures on Modern Science in relation to Theology, taking up the questions of Uniform Order of Nature and Evolution, and dealing with the difficulties which are supposed to affect the supernatural character of Christianity. The nature of certain modern theories was set forth, the methods by which they are thought to be established explained, the points in which they are at issue with our primary Religious beliefs illustrated, and their value as Scientific hypotheses tested. It appeared to me important that our students should be familiar with the reasoning adduced in support of views which are frequently put forth as eminently scientific and utterly opposed to the doctrine of Miracles, Prayer and Creation. The attention paid by the students to the abstruse, and often complicated reasonings brought under their notice was highly creditable; and the result of the Easter Examination was most satisfactory, being much superior to that of Christmas which, however, was quite up to the ordinary level.

The order of merit, taking 100 *maximum*, is as follows:—

Class I. Allworth and Griffith, equal; Nighswander, J. B. Silcox.
Class II. E. D. Silcox.

I congratulate our young brethren on their success.

CHARLES CHAPMAN, M.A.

Montreal, May, 1973.

A course of lectures on Elocution was delivered to the students by Mr. Andrews.

All the students, either in the capacity of Undergraduates or in that of Partial students, have attended the classes in the Faculty

of Arts of the University: and the returns required by Regulation of their standing, &c., have been duly furnished to your Board.

Before leaving this part of their Report, the Board deem it proper to state that the paucity of promising Candidates for admission to the College has engaged their serious thought. In view of the numerous vacant churches that are to be found in the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, and Nova Scotia, and also of the great importance of maintaining the strength of the Churches generally by an efficient and well-trained ministry, this is a question of vital moment to our Denomination. There can be no doubt that, if we as a Denomination are to live and grow and have that influence which our principles should win for us, our ministry must be one of manly, Christian excellence and earnestness, enhanced by all the learning and culture the Schools can give. The dearth of such a ministry, in both the old world and the new, precludes the possibility of importing adequate numbers to occupy vacant places; hence, we must seek the men from within our own Churches, and when we have found them, train them to the best of our power. If we will not do this, our occupation will soon be gone, and we shall have to give place to others who will do the work more worthily. Why is it that so very few of the young men of our Churches, who have the talents and the education which would enable them to become successful students and able ministers, present themselves for the work of the ministry? Can it be possible that Ministers and Churches are remiss in noting and encouraging such young members of talent and promise? As one step in the direction of improvement, your Board, with the object of bringing this important question formally and prominently forward, placed on record in January last the opinion:—

That Boards of Examiners composed of Ministers and others, members of our Churches, should be organized in the several Provinces, for the express purpose of looking after, counselling, encouraging, and examining any young men that may be purposing to enter upon the work of the ministry, or that may be in need of encouragement to turn their attention thereto.

The Finances of the College, as is shown by the Treasurer's statement, are in a healthy condition. The disbursements have amounted to $3265.54. The receipts have amounted to $3462.49 including $272.93, the balance in hand at the beginning of the year; $1199.42, the Grant of Colonial Missionary Society; and 1990.14 contributed by the Churches. Thus a balance of $196.95 is left in the hands of the Treasurer.

Mr. J. P. Clark, who has acted for many years as Treasurer, having removed with his family to England, it becomes necessary

for you to appoint a successor to him. Mr. Clark deserves the thanks of the Corporation for the generous assistance he has always been ready to extend to the College.

The final report of the *Lillie Memorial Fund* presented by the Principal and Secretary in the printed Report of last year, showed that the sum of $5000 had been placed in the hands of the Trustees of the Fund. Your Board have to report that the Gentlemen appointed at the last Annual Meeting as Trustees cheerfully accepted the office and have now charge of the Fund. A duly executed Deed of Gift on the part of the Donors has been placed in the custody of the Trustees of the Fund as representing the College. A report of the Fund is herewith presented.

During the past year, the late Mr. Thomas Fletcher, of Beverly, Ontario, bequeathed the sum of $1500 to the College. Of this Legacy, $750 have been paid to the Principal by the Executors. Your Board have resolved:—

That this Legacy be set aside as part of an *Endowment Fund*; and, further, that it is desirable that every favourable opportunity should be embraced of adding thereto.

Accordingly, an account has been opened in the Merchants' Bank of Canada, Savings Bank Department, called *The Congregational College of B. N. A. Endowment Fund*, by the Principal, who it is hereby recommended should act as Treasurer of the same. The items of this Fund are as follows:—

Balance from this C. P. B. S. shares after completing the L. M. F.....	206 45
Moiety of Mr. Fletcher's bequest.....	750 00
Interest.....	24 28
	$980 73

Whilst it is matter for great thankfulness and congratulation that this Institution has been sustained for so many years by the cheerful donations of its friends, both in the Mother-country and in this Dominion, it is nevertheless the opinion of your Board that the time has now come for making a general effort to place at least a part of its revenues upon such a foundation as shall be beyond the influence of annual fluctuations. The following resolution is, therefore, respectfully submitted for your concurrence and action thereupon:—

That while deeming it important that the interest of the Churches in the College should be kept alive by annual contributions to its Funds; yet, in view of its present and prospective wants, and of the obvious need that it should be placed on a solid pecuniary basis, the Board of Directors recommend the Corporation, as a

first movement in that direction, to resolve upon the endowment of a chair of Theology to the extent of at least $20,000; and to take measures for raising that amount.

As a stimulus and encouragement in this good work, it may be stated for your information, that the Treasurer of the Fund has the promise of a gentleman in Montreal, that so soon as $15,000 of the sum required shall have been raised, he will complete the Fund by the gift of $5000.

Your Board have further pleasure in reporting the receipt of $50, as a donation in aid of the Library: and also of $50, and $20, as donations to be expended on prizes for competition by the students. It is recommended, that these latter, with any others that may be offered, be placed at the disposal of the Professors to be competed for on such terms and in such manner as they may deem best, provided that a report of the competition and award be made to your Board.

It is further recommended, that gentlemen who may be associated with the Professors as Lecturers in special subjects be thereby constituted members of the Faculty of Theology during such time as they may be engaged to lecture.

Your Board cannot close this report without expressing their thankfulness to Almighty God, and their congratulations to their Constituents, on account of the many tokens of prosperity and usefulness that mark the close of this the thirty-fourth Session of this Institution. May these prove an earnest of enlarged prosperity and success in the future.

All which is respectfully submitted by your Board.

CHARLES CHAPMAN,
Chairman.

GEORGE CORNISH,
Secretary.

Montreal, May, 22nd, 1873.

DR. THE CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA IN ACCOUNT WITH JAMES P. CLARK, TREASURER, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31st, 1873. *CR.*

To Paid Principal's Salary	$1400 00	By Balance, per printed statement, June 17, 1872	272 93
" " Rev. C. Chapman	200 00	" Contributions from Churches	1990 14
" Rev. K. M. Fenwick	113 50	" Drafts on Colonial Missionary Society of London £249 10s sterling	1199 42
" Students' Board	1003 00		
" Rev. W. H. Allworth's Travelling Expenses	26 00		
" Printing 33rd Annual Report, &c	87 50		
" Binding Books and Stationery	46 91		
" Books for Library	11 00		
" Travelling Expenses, Dr. Wilkes	121 22		
" " " Rev. W. F. Clarke	25 00		
" Secretary's Travelling and Petty Expenses.	40 25		
" Insurance on Library	12 00		
" Prof. Andrews (Elocution)	60 00		
" Stamps, per Dr. Wilkes	2 50		$3462 49
" 1 month's Salary to Principal on account of 1870-71	116 66	By Balance	196 95
Balance	196 95	E. & O. E.	
	$3462 49		

Audited and found correct:—
ROBT. MILLS,
J. B. LEARMONT, } Auditors.
Montreal, Aug. 18th, 1873.

Montreal, 19th June, 1873.

JAMES P. CLARK,
Per J. M. TAYLOR,
Treasurer.

VII. CONTRIBUTIONS TO CONGREGATIONAL COLLEGE OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MAY, 1873.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Albion.

Collection	$5 30

Alton.

Collection	$5 00

Amherstburg.

Collection	$5 25

Bowmanville.

H. O'Hara	$4 00
Rev. T. M. Reikie	2 00
R. O'Hara	1 00
W. McMurtry	1 00
W. R. Climie	1 00
John McMurtry	1 00
A. Dilling	1 00
Jas. Stuart	1 00
W. G. Perry	1 00
Jas. Sumpter	1 00
D. & C. Stott	1 00
Sums under $1	1 50
Collection	2 75
	$19 25

Brantford.

Collection and subscriptions...	$39 00

Burford.

Henry Cox	$5 00
Mrs. Cox	5 00
Jno. Keachie	1 00
Jno. Charles	1 00
David Manne	1 00
Under $1	0 50
	$13 50

Cold Springs:

Collection	$13 75

Fergus.

Geo. S. Armstrong	2 00
J. Ironside	2 00
Rev. E. Barker	1 65
J. Moffatt	1 00
Collection, &c	5 80

Frome.

C. C. Claris	5 00
G. Silcox	4 00
John Silcox	4 00
Mrs. W. Silcox	5 00
" C. C. Claris	2 00
W. Silcox	2 00
Rev. J. J. Hindley	3 00
M. Lodge	1 00
Mrs. J. Harris	1 00
	$27 00

Garafraxa.

Collection	$6 55

Georgetown.

Collection and subscriptions....	$20 00

Guelph.

Collection and subscriptions..	$47 00

Hamilton.

Collection and subscriptions..	$60 00

Indian Lands.

Rev. W. M. Peacock	$ 10 00
Mr. & Mrs. J. Kennedy	5 00
J. A. McEwan	1 00
Thos. McEwan	1 00
Peter McDougall	1 00
A. D. Aird	1 00
Neil McColl	1 00
Mrs. T. Munroe	1 00
Mrs. Wm. Kennedy	1 00
A. McEwan	1 00
J. S. McEwan	1 50
Donald McEwan	1 00
Alex. McDougall	1 00
Donald Kennedy	1 00
Collection	2 22
	$29 72

Kingston.

Geo. Robertson & Son	$50 00
Geo. Chaffey, jun	25 00
B. W. Robertson	20 00
G. S. Fenwick	10 00
Rev. K. M. Fenwick	10 00
Mrs. T. Hendry	10 00
J. A. Breck	10 00
Thos. Robertson	5 00
John McMillan,	5 00
Geo. Chaffey, sen	5 00
Mr. Moreham	2 00
Mrs. Folger	2 00
Miss H. F. Sampson	2 00
A Friend	1 00
Thos. Clyde	1 00
Thos. Savage	1 00
T. Hayward	1 00
A. McMillan	1 00
W. Neish	1 00
Thos. Barlow	1 00
John Cridiford	1 00
Robt. Softley	1 00
John McEwan	1 00
Sums under $1	1 25
	$167 25

Lanark Village.

Rev. John Brown	$ 3 00
Wm. Robertson	5 00
Thos. Baird	2 00

Miss Glossop	$2 00
Mrs. A. G. Hall	2 00
James Robertson	2 00
Mrs. James Robertson	1 00
John Mair	2 00
Robert Robertson	1 00
James Bowes	1 00
John Reid	1 00
Boyd Caldwell	5 00
Collection	2 90
Sums under $1	2 10
	$30 00

Listowel.

Collection	$1 00

London.

Jno. Cameron & Co	$5 00
H. Mathewson	5 00
Wm. Rowland	2 00
Captain Millar	2 00
Widow's Mite	1 00
William Walker	1 00
Wm. Richardson	1 00
Andrew Cossar	1 00
Henry Davis	1 00
A Friend	1 00
Robert Marshall	1 00
A. T. H. Johnson	1 00
Geo. Burns	1 00
Rev. R. W. Wallace	1 00
J. F. Sainsbury	1 00
Small Sums	3 75
Collection	5 00
	$ 33 75

Manilla.

Rev. D. McGregor	$ 1 00
Dugald McGregor	1 00
John D. McLean	1 00
Alexander McIntyre	1 00
The Misses McCallum	1 00
Mrs. McCallum	1 00
Alex. McInnis	1 00
Hugh McKay	1 00
Malcolm McLean	1 00
Allen McFayden	1 00
Martin McFayden	1 00
Sums under $1	3 05
	$14 05

Martintown.

Hugh Christie	$ 2 00
Peter Christie	2 00
W. F. McDiarmid	1 00
A. McDiarmid	1 00
Sums under $1	1 25
	$ 7 25

Ottawa.

Rev. Mr. Sanderson	$ 2 00
T. Gallagher	2 00
J. Kerr	2 00
John Lamb	2 00
W. A. Lamb	2 00
James Jarvis	2 00
John Hill	$ 2 00
James Ogilvy	1 00
W. H. Johnson	1 00
A. J. Stephens	1 00
Mrs. Ruthven	1 00
R. J. Rodden	1 00
J. P. Dewar	1 00
G. Dixon	1 00
G. Hatch	1 00
W. W. Fraser	1 00
C. Mumford	1 00
Wm. Watson	1 00
Wm. Farquhar	1 00
P. Stiff	1 00
Mrs. V. Rodden,	1 00
Collection and Sums under $1	9 36
	37 36

Paris.

Chas. Whitlaw	$50 00
N. Hamilton	20 00
Rev. W. H. Allworth	10 00
H. Hart	9 00
A. H. Baird	3 00
T. Hill	2 00
W. Walton	1 00
Mrs. H. Capron	1 00
C. Arnold	1 00
T. Walker	1 00
J. Carnie	1 00
J. Robinson	1 00
D. Patton	1 00
Mrs. Palmer	1 00
Miss Sovereign	1 00
Miss J. Sovereign	1 00
Dr. Cooke	1 00
Mrs. Fry	1 00
Mrs. Allworth	1 00
Mrs. Nixon	1 00
S. Brockbank	1 00
Mrs. Davey	1 00
J. Saunders	1 00
Jas. Finlayson	1 00
P. Buckley	1 00
D. Finlayson	1 00
D. M. Finlayson	1 00
J. Tufford	1 00
W. Hunter	1 00
C. Clarkson	1 00
Small Sums	5 00
	$ 123 00

Stratford.

Collection	28 00

Toronto, Zion Church.

Rev. Samuel N. Jackson, M.D.	10 00
David Higgins	10 00
James Smith	10 00
H. N. Baird	5 00
G. A. Hine	5 00
J. D. Nasmith	5 00
James H. Richardson, M.D.	5 00
John Snarr	5 00
John Wickson	5 00

Henry Wickson	$5 00
John Adams, jun	4 00
Mrs. McPhail	3 00
John Wightman	3 00
Mrs. Wm. Nichols	2 00
George Pim	2 00
George Snarr	2 00
James Stibbs	2 00
Mrs. Webb	2 00
Fred. Wickson	2 00
Wm. Ellingworth	2 00
William Freeland	2 00
John Adams, sen	1 00
Miss Blackburn	1 00
John Elliot	1 00
Richard H. Flint	1 00
Charles Green	1 00
Samuel Grey	1 00
Thomas Norman	1 00
William Snarr	1 00
George Strathern	1 00
William Liddall	1 00
Mrs. Anker	1 00
	$102 00

Toronto, Bond Street Church.

Collection, &c	$ 29 25

Toronto, Northern Church.

George Hague	25 00
Chas. Page	10 00
Rev. Thos. Baker	4 00
Thos. Elgar	3 00
Mrs. Sims	2 00
G. W. Hodgetts	1 00
	$ 45 00

Turnberry.

Collection	$ 8 81

Vankleek Hill.

Collection	$ 10 00

Warwick and Forest.

Collections	$ 11 75
Wm. Edgar	5 00
Rev. Wm. Clarke	1 00
Rev. R. T. Thomas	2 00
Total, Ontario	$ 962 24

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

Eaton.

Rev. E. J. Sherrill	$ 2 00
Collection	4 00
	$ 6 00

Granby.

J. H. Keep	$ 1 00
A. Chalmers	1 00
Wm. Neil	1 00
S. H. C. Miner	5 00
J. A. Downs	2 00
James Chelmen, sen	2 00
Robt. Nicol	$1 00
H. Lyman	1 00
Jos. Herrick	1 00
D. Fuller	1 00
John Duncan	1 00
G. W. Butterfield	1 00
Sums under $1 and collection.	8 00
	$26 00

Inverness.

Collection	7 25

Melbourne.

Collection	3 75

Montreal, Zion Church.

W. R. Ross	50 00
R. C. Jamieson	40 00
Henry Lyman	30 00
Chas. Alexander	25 00
J. P. Clark	25 00
Rev. Dr. Cornish	25 00
J. McLachlan	25 00
D. Butters	25 00
Jas. Linton	25 00
W. C. Smillie	25 00
Young men's association	25 00
Jas. Baylis	20 00
Robt. Dunn	20 00
Wm. Moodie	20 00
Rev. Dr. Wilkes	20 00
Mrs. Learmont	16 00
A. & W. Robertson	15 00
Wm. McDunnough	15 00
Thos. Robertson	15 00
Jos. Jackson	14 00
F. Scholes	12 00
Mrs. Fisher	10 00
Thes. Lyman	10 00
Wm. Nivin	10 00
G. Cheney	10 00
J. R. Dougall	10 00
R. W. Cowan	10 00
Rev. C. Chapman	10 00
Wm. MacDougall	10 00
A. McKeand	10 00
Benj. Lyman	10 00
Henry Alexander	10 00
Alfred Savage	10 00
D. McPhie	10 00
Wm. Lavers	10 00
Albert B. Savage	10 00
J. B. Learmont	7 50
A. Kirkpatrick	5 00
J. D. Dougall	5 00
Henry Vennor	5 00
Lemuel Cushing	5 00
H. A. Nelson	5 00
Jas. Williamson	5 00
John Popham	5 00
N. W. Trenholm	5 00
C. M. Alexander	5 00
Robt. Mills	5 00
Jno. MacIntosh	5 00
J. C. Barton	5 00

A. Spaulding	$5 00
Wm. McLaren	5 00
Thos. Parker	5 00
H. Chandler	5 00
J. Findlay	5 00
Wm. Reid	5 00
Geo. W. Moss	5 00
F. E. Gilman	5 00
P. H. Burton	5 00
Dr. Wanless	5 00
Hugh K. Ritchie	5 00
Mrs. Lay	5 00
W. G. Beers	5 00
H. Birks	3 00
Wm. Ireland	3 00
H. Saunders	3 00
Thos. Shapley	2 00
J. C. Beers	2 00
P. W. Wood	2 00
V. Pennington	1 00
A Friend	1 00
	$ 790 50

Montreal, Eastern Church.

Rev. J. Fraser	5 00
C. R. Black	5 00
Ed. Evans	2 00
John McMillan	2 00
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Selden	1 50
T. J. Telfer	1 00
W. Mackintosh	1 00
R. Pearce	1 00
Mr. Mills	1 00
Mr. Mathieson	1 00
Mr. Deacon	1 00
Mr. Cowper	1 00
Robt. Bennett	1 00
Sums under $1	5 15
	$28 65

Quebec.

Wm. Cream	20 00
McKay & Warner	10 00
W. C. Richardson	10 00
H. W. Powis	2 00
Mrs. Auld	2 00
Mrs. Bean	2 00
John Hatch	2 00
Andrew Hatch	2 00
Hugh Hatch	2 00
W. Crawford	2 00
A Friend	2 00
W. H. Leslie	1 00
Mrs. Fitch	1 00
S. Duffett	1 00
Sums under $1	0 50
	$59 50

Sherbrooke and Lonnoxville.

Hon. Judge Sanborn	6 00
Hon. J. G. Robertson	5 00
A. Paton	5 00
T. S. Morey	5 00
Rev. A. Duff	5 00
E. Hargrave	$2 50
J. McKechnie	2 00
J. McNicol	1 00
S. Tuck	1 00
J. Glasgow	1 00
C. H. Fletcher	3 00
C. Brooks	4 00
J. Loring	2 00
Miss Ball	2 00
Mrs. Brooks	1 50
Mrs. Dean	1 25
W. Addie & Mrs. Kyle	1 25
A. Bonnaillie	1 00
S. Lebourveau	1 00
T. J. Tuck	1 00
Wm. L. Farwell	1 00
C. Bryant	1 00
Miss Dickenson	1 00
W. White	1 00
H. Hubbard	1 00
Joshua Foss	1 60
S. J. Foss	1 00
E. W. Abbott	1 00
Mrs. Oughtred	1 00
A. Stevens	1 00
S. B. Jencks	1 00
E. H. Duff	1 00
P. McLellan	1 00
Mr. Goff	1 00
Collection at Lennoxville	3 90
Sums under $1	8 60
	$ 78 00

Waterville.

Rev. Geo. Purkis	2 00
Collection	3 00
	$ 5 00

Cowansville.

Mr. McFarlane	1 00
Total, Quebec	$1001 65

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,

St. John.

Collection	25 00

Sheffield.

Collection	20 00
Total New Brunswick	$ 45 00

PROVINCE OF THE N A SCOTIA.

Canning.

Rev. Jacob Whitman	5 50
Joseph P. Cox	1 00
Miss H. Brown	1 00
J. E. Woodworth	1 00
Samuel Bigelow	1 00
George Green	1 00

Isaac Cox	1 00
Ebenezer Cox	1 00
John Cameron	1 00
Lewis Warner	1 00
Sums under $1	0 50
	$ 15 00
Margaree.	
Collection	$ 2 00
Milton.	
Hon. F. Tupper	4 00
W. H. Freeman	4 00
E. H. Freeman	4 00
Rev. R. K. Black	4 00
Miss E. Tupper	1 00
	$17 00
Pleasant River.	
Collection	$ 2 00
Yarmouth.	
Collection	$ 20 00
Total, Nova Scotia	$ 56 00
Grand Total	$ 2064 89

N. B.—Of the above Grand Total the sum of $74 75 was received after the accounts for 1872-3 were closed, thus leaving $1990 14 as per statement of Treasurer.
G. C.

VIII. REPORTS OF JOURNEYS, 1873.

Kingston was the first place visited, where two discourses were delivered on the 11th of May. Considerable interest was manifested on the affairs of the College, so that the Annual contribution made on the next Lords' day was larger than usual. The Endowment fund also was promised a donation of $500 by one of the Deacons. *Bowmanville* on the next day presented a Monday Congregation, somewhat small, but contributed upwards of $19. *Albion* on Tuesday evening made up $5.00 after sermon. *Alton* on Wednesday evening afforded a large and attentive audience, the collection was only on account, as contributions are to follow. Revd. M. S. Gray drove me next day to *South Caledon* where, in the evening, the audience was large and attentive. They promise to collect and send forward. *Georgetown* occupied me on Friday evening, and closed the first week's work. Twenty dollars were paid on account of their contributions.

I had the opportunity of addressing each of the three congregations in Toronto in relation to the College on Sunday, 18th May, that in Bond Street at the close of the morning service. The collections in Zion Church are considerably in advance of last year; of the others I have no information. Conversed with the Candidates after the evening service.

Monday evening found me at *Scotland.* Tuesday evening at *Burford,* whither the Rev. Wm. Hay drove me in his own carriage, and Wednesday evening at *Guelph.* In all these places I was listened to with apparent interest as the Gospel was proclaimed and the need of an enlightened Christian Ministry was insisted upon

Collections in all these places have been, or will be made. Thursday and Friday were spent in the field occupied by Rev. Solomon Snider, in Howick and Turnberry. In the first-named place an audience of an unusual number for a week-evening assembled to hear the word; a candidate walked several miles to the meeting, and was introduced afterwards for the purpose of conversation. He was seen by Dr. Cornish and myself, more recently at Brantford. In *Turnberry* on the following evening we had a still larger audience; not a little attention and interest were manifested. On leaving this field Saturday morning for London, Mr. Snider stated his belief that the visit would be the subject of conversation for several years. Should that favourable estimate be realized one may hope for some permanent benefit therefrom. This closed the second week.

London supplied on the Lord's Day, 25th, two large and attentive congregations to whom the word of life was ministered. The interests of the College were presented at the morning service, the annual collection is taken up at another and a fixed period. The pastor was absent in England. Travelling expenses were lessened by the payment of six dollars for the supply of the pulpit. On Monday, was met by the Rev. J. Salmon at *Watford* where service was held in the evening, and on Tuesday night at *Warwick*. Wednesday afternoon we had a Congregation on the way to *Forest*, and in the evening at that place. The four audiences comprised a considerable number of persons to whom truth was addressed concerning themselves and Our Lord's Kingdom. Thursday evening was employed at *Sarnia*, where a Congregation is slowly but gradually being gathered by one of our recent Alumni, Mr. Claris. Friday evening closed the third week's work at *Amherstburg*, where Mr. J. Malcolm Smith ministers to a congregation which is increasing and hopeful. A collection was made which is to be followed by further contributions.

Embro occupied Sunday 1st June, the pastor Mr. Needham being absent.—Two services were conducted, at one of which the claims of the College were urged. No collection was made, but the promise of speedy attention to that matter was given. The number present in the morning was probably 500, and in the evening 400. The last engagement was at *Stratford* on Monday evening 2nd inst. Mr. Heudebourck had provided lady-collectors who had done their work prior to my arrival. The results of the collection after sermon, to which the lady-efforts were added amounted to $28. A very neat brick edifice is in course of erection near the

present frame one which is in a style of architecture belonging to the past. After attending the meeting of Brantford, and calling at Cobourg to assist in the ordination of Mr. Griffith, where also Dr. Cornish and I conversed with two young men who are to be candidates for admission to the college, I reached home on the 12th inst. Expenses, deducting the above-mentioned $6, were $55.37.

HENRY WILKES,
Principal.

My first appointment was made for *Sherbrooke* and *Lennoxville*, which was duly kept on Sunday, April 13th. I preached at both these places: collections were taken up at both services which, with snbscriptions subsequently made, amounted to $78, a slight advance on the sum contributed last year. Here pastor and people are old and tried friends of the College, and need not visitation to stir them up to feel an interest in its work.

Ottawa was the next place on my list. On Sunday, May 4th, I preached twice for Mr. Sanderson, and at the close of the service made a short statement touching the position, aims and work of the College. The Congregations were good; $37.36 have been since remitted.

At *Vankleek Hill* on the 6th, I held a service, according to previous announcement; but as another meeting of a more attractive character, I suppose, was being held at the same time, my audience was very small. The collection and subscriptions were $10.

On the 7th I was driven by Rev. W. M. Peacock to *Indian Lands*, his principal station and dwelling-place. Here an afternoon service was held at which, due regard being had for the season of the year and the time of day, there was a good congregation: Subscriptions and collection came to $29.72.

At *Martintown*, on the 8th, I held an evening service; congregation small; collection and subscriptions, $7.25.

On Sunday, the 11th, I preached at *Cowansville* in the morning, and at *Brigham* in the afternoon. The congregations were good and attentive; but no collection had been arranged for at either place, nor has any remittance been since made.

I was compelled by ill health to cancel some previous appointments for two or three evenings of this week and to return home; but on the 18th I was able to preach at *Granby* and *South Ridge*. For special reasons, no collections were made; but $26 have since been

received. My appointments at *Danville, Waterville* and one or two other places were cancelled at the request of ministers or people.

My best thanks are tendered to my several hosts and hostesses of whose kindness I retain a lively sense.

On May 19th, I returned home, and so ended my tour of visitation for 1873, which I cannot regard as very satisfactory or encouraging, so far as the immediate and tangible results are concerned.

GEORGE CORNISH,
Secretary.

THE TWELFTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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CONSTITUTION.

I. This Society shall be called the "Canada Congregational Indian Missionary Society."

II. Its object shall be to spread the Gospel among the Aborigines of Canada and the North-West Territory, according to the views of the Congregationalists, by means of Missionaries, native Pastors and Teachers.

III. Persons, being members of Christian Churches, and paying one dollar per annum, shall be Members of the Society, and any such person paying twenty dollars at any one time, shall be a Life Member.

IV. The business of this Society shall be managed by a Board, consisting of President, Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, Twelve Directors, and an Executive Committee of at least three members.

V. The Officers and Directors, and the Executive Committee shall be appointed at the Annual Meeting of the Society.

VI. The Board shall hold regular Quarterly Meetings on the first Tuesday in February, May, August and November, and may meet oftener if necessary; but, unless there is a special reason for so doing, the President and Vice-Presidents living without the County in which the Board holds its meetings need not be notified.

VII. The Society may form Branch Associations, whose Presidents shall be entitled to a seat at all meetings of the Board.

VIII. Any vacancies occurring during the year shall be filled up by the Board, and such appointments shall remain in force until next annual meeting.

IX. The funds of this Society shall be audited annually, by two Auditors to be appointed at the annual meeting.

X. This Constitution may be altered at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote, three months' notice of any proposal to that effect having been previously given to the Secretary in writing.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

CANADA CONGREGATIONAL

INDIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Canada Congregational Indian Missionary Society was held in the Congregational Church at Brantford on Thursday, June 5th, 1873.

The President, Rev. F. H. Marling, in the Chair.

The Rev. W. M. Peacock was appointed Minute Secretary, and Rev. J. Howell offered prayer.

The report of the Board of Directors was then read by the Secretary, Rev. Samuel N. Jackson, M.D.; and in the absence of the Treasurer, Jas. Fraser, Esq., the Financial Statement by D. Higgins, Esq.

Moved by the Rev. H. Wilkes, D.D., LL.D., seconded by Rev. G. Howell, and resolved:—

That the Report now read be received, adopted and printed for circulation, and that the following gentlemen be the Board of Directors for the ensuing year:

President, Rev. Francis H. Marling. *Vice-Presidents*, Revs. William Clarke, Charles Chapman, M.A., W. W. Smith, James A. R. Dickson, and George Hague, Esq. *Treasurer*, James Fraser, Esq. *Secretary*, Rev. Samuel N. Jackson, M.D. *Directors*, Revs. Robert Robinson, Joseph Unsworth, Benjamin W. Day, Enoch Barker, Messrs. David Higgins, John Wickson, H. Hewlett, James McDunnough, George Goulding, William Freeland, Chas. S. Millard, and Thos. Elgar. *Executive Committee*, Revs. Francis H. Marling, James A. R. Dickson, Samuel N. Jackson, M.D., and James Fraser, Esq. *Auditors*, Messrs. George Hague and David Higgins.

Moved by George Hague, Esq., seconded by T. Robertson, Esq., and resolved:—

That, in the judgment of this meeting, the Congregational Churches of Canada have had laid upon them by Divine Providence the work of assisting to evangelizing the Indians of the region contiguous to the Georgian Bay; and that in view of the work already done, the openings now before them, and the results already attained, it is their duty to

prosecute the work with vigour through the instrumentality of the Canada Congregational Indian Missionary Society.

Moved by David Higgins, Esq., seconded by J. Jarvis, Esq., and resolved :—

That this Society, having now secured the services of the Rev. Robert Robinson as its Missionary and Agent, heartily commend him and his work to the sympathy and aid of the Churches of Christ, and devoutly implore "the unction of the Holy One" to rest upon him in this arduous undertaking.

The following special report was then presented by the Secretary :—

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Canada Congregational Indian Missionary Society, held on the 8th of May last, the Rev. William Clarke stated that the Indian Department of the Government of the Dominion had, through its officers, expressed its willingness to assist our Society in establishing and maintaining schools among the Indians of the North-West by making an annual grant of one hundred dollars for each school maintained by the Society. After a protracted discussion, the following resolution was carried by a majority of one, namely :—

"That with a view to the extension of our work among the Indians, we recommend the acceptance of the offer of the Indian Department to give aid for the secular support of our schools, and that the Secretary be instructed to bring this before the annual meeting in a special report."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

It was moved by Rev. Dr. Cornish, seconded by George Hague, Esq., and resolved :—

That this meeting having heard the special report of the Board, touching the receiving of grants of money from the Indian Department of the Dominion Government, in aid of the day schools connected with this mission, do not concur in the same, but remit it to the Board with instruction not further to entertain the question of receiving moneys from the said Department in aid of the above mentioned schools, or of any other department of the work of this Society.

Rev. Dr. Cornish gave notice of a motion for next annual meeting, viz., That the object and operations of this Society, in so far as the sanction and co-operation of the Congregational Churches of the Dominion are concerned, be connected with the Canada Congregational Missionary Society.

After singing, the President pronounced the benediction, and the meeting adjourned.

W. M. PEACOCK,
Minute Secretary.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1872-3.

Of the more than two hundred and six million subjects of the British Empire,—embracing inhabitants of Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia and America,—renowned for their genius, power, progress and loyalty, we have, in many respects, great reason to be proud of our sovereign's native subjects of Canada. The devoted allegiance of the Indians to the Empire, their loving loyalty to the Queen, and their abiding peacefulness, attract the observation, and form fitting themes of remark by other nations. Their peacefulness among each other, where there were formerly, from time immemorial, fierce feuds and wicked wars; their peacefulness with their Anglo-Saxon successors, from whom, in times past, they have suffered such deprivation and wrongs, appear in marked contrast to the examples of their brother red men of the United States, where intestine wars waste their decaying race, and fearful massacres terrify the frontier inhabitants. Though but a very small proportion of the Indians of the Dominion are brought under the influence of our Society, may we not say that the gospel of allegiance, peace and love which it, in common with our sister societies, has extended to them, has borne no mean part in these great results—that this, in conjunction with the wise and humane policy of our Government, has resulted in the triumphs achieved in winning and keeping the hearts of the wild men of our forests in loyal allegiance and peace? But while there is thus much in the Indians of our Dominion of which we may justly be proud, there is more in us of which an enlightened Indian may well be ashamed. That we belong to a Christian empire, foremost among the nations in sending civilization and Christianity to the remote heathen nations of the world, and yet suffer the great proportion of the aborigines of Canada to abide in paganism, uninfluenced by the civilizing, saving and sanctifying Gospel of Christ, is to our discredit and disgrace, who have been placed here by Providence to bring this portion of the continent under the influence of the Redeemer of the race. But worse than this: men who have nominally been civilized and Christianized have been suffered to introduce among them vices and soul-destroying influences before unknown to them even in their state of heathenism, thus adding greatly to the standing reproach against us in regard to the past, and to their imperative claims that the Gospel of the Son of God be given unto them.

Great as has been our neglect of their pressing claims and eternal necessities, they have not been entirely overlooked and ignored. For nearly

250 years has the Roman Catholic Church prosecuted its missionary enterprises among the various tribes of Indians in British North America. Their success in Romanizing a portion of these people,—thus inducing them to give up their heathen charms for the scapular, rosary, crucifix and relics of the saints, and their spiritual allegiance from their medicine men to the man at Rome,—has principally been achieved through the instrumentality of the Jesuit Fathers, whose self-denials and sufferings on this continent are among the most thrilling annals of the world's missionary enterprises. The Episcopal Church in Canada has not been blind to the claims of these people upon their Christian affection and efforts, but has for a number of years ably laboured with a good measure of success in evangelizing a portion of this great multitude. The Wesleyan Methodists early sent their men and means into this unpromising field of labour, and are still patiently and faithfully seeking to win those souls for whom Christ died. When we add to these the station occupied by the Presbyterians in the Saskatchewan district, and the work of our own Society, the sum of missionary efforts among the Indians of Canada has been told, evidently shewing the necessity of enlarging the means, and thus the sphere of all these agencies in order to accomplish the great object before them. There is afforded matter for congratulation in the knowledge that the present societies in the field, representative of different branches of the Church of Christ, instead of manifesting an unholy jealousy and an unsanctified rivalry, are friendly, and in a great measure co-operative in their work. A Jesuit Father once said in regard to one of our missionary teachers, "She is a good woman, and doing a good work."

The Indians of the North-Western Territory of Ontario, among whom we labour, are a small part of the Chippewa or Ojibway tribe—type of the Algonquin stock—who have occupied from the earliest historical period the basin of Lake Superior. They are a tall, well developed and good-looking race, distinguished for their proud bearing and easy manners. The number of their tribe in 1850 was estimated at 10,000, many of whom dwell within the bounds of the United States. Their language is very copious, and has been called "the Greek of the Indian tongue," while the French discoverers, on learning it, named it "the court language of the Aborigines," and spread the praise of the people throughout Europe. There have been translated into this language the New Testament, the Book of Genesis, the Psalms, and a collection of hymns. The American missionaries among this tribe have never received a large measure of encouragement, they being suspected of the design to overthrow their simple forest system. With us there are many bands who for years persistently refused to receive a missionary or listen to the gospel, and who still do so; while others, though still pagan, profess their readiness to receive our teachers.

The origin of our Society dates from 1850, when it was inaugurated by the members of the Upper Canada Congregational Union, in response to appeals made in behalf of the Indians at Colpoy's Bay, then an Indian reservation. It was first carried on in conjunction with the Upper Canada Missionary Society, and after the union by the Canada Congregational Missionary Society until 1856, when, at the request of the Colonial Society, whose Committee regarded it as contrary to their constitution for them to enter upon missions to the heathen, it was made a separate enterprise, and placed under the supervision of the Middle District Committee. This was continued until 1860, when it was more formally organized into the Society it now is.

Among the efficient and self-denying white missionaries who have been engaged in the work, was the first student of our College, who energetically spent seven years in this service, enduring untold privations and hardships. From the first, native missionaries have successfully been employed in preaching the gospel to their brethren, and it was by these that the work was first extended from Colpoy's Bay to Saugeen. Though, from the fact that the Indians are a decaying race and their habits nomadic, it is more difficult to trace results among them than in any other missionary enterprise, there have been and still remain proofs of no mean measure of usefulness and success in this our work. A flourishing Indian Congregational Church was gathered in 1850 at Colpoy's Bay, to be afterwards scattered, through the removal of the Indians by the Government to another reservation. Three years later another was formed at Saugeen, which now, after ten years' existence under its native pastor, has just entered into a new and neat church building, while mission stations have been extended to the shore of the Georgian Bay on the north and the great Manitoulin Island. Not only can we look at those converted Indians who are living witnesses with us of our success, and they are not a few, but also to many who, according to the testimony of our missionaries, have "died in faith," and are witnesses before God of our desire and efforts to bring their race to him.

During the year just ended the work has been energetically and successfully prosecuted so far as our financial resources and the number of our missionaries would allow. One of our very important stations, that of She-she-gwah-ning, on the great Manitoulin Island, has on these accounts been left vacant, despite the urgent call for a teacher by the chief and his people, while other important places open to us could not for the same reasons be entered upon. In June last the usual deputation for evangelization was sent to the north shore of the Georgian Bay and the great Manitoulin Island. It consisted of the Rev. William Clarke and the Rev. R. Robinson, with the two native missionaries, William Barrell and Peter Keshick. The three last sailed full 500 miles in an open boat amid

privations and perils, and the deputation preached the gospel to Indians wherever they could be found.

Miss Emma Baylis has spent another summer at Spanish River Mills Station, where she has laboured with acceptance and success. The attendance at her school averaged from 20 to 25 scholars, including a few white children. She held Bible readings on Sunday, both morning and evening, which were attended by the Indians who understood English, and the labourers at the mills with their families, and in the afternoon she conducted a Sunday school. During the week she visited the Indian women and children in their wigwams, and through an interpreter taught them the truths of the gospel. The children's progress in their studies was very encouraging. At the end of September the mission was closed for the winter.

Mr. William Barrell, Indian, has continued in charge of the Indian Church at Saugeen, near French Bay. Last year it was stated that the members of this church had made application for assistance in erecting a new church edifice, and the Board deemed it wise to devote $150 to this purpose. A very neat frame building has been erected, measuring 20 x 30, well floored and plastered, containing benches, desk and lamps, and the whole made free from debt. Nearly all the work was done by the Indians, and is very creditable to their skill and enterprise. The Rev. R. Robinson, at their request, visited them on the 29th of December last, and set apart the building for worship with religious services. He reports three services as having been held, at each of which the house was filled by an attentive and well-clad congregation of Indians. The music, led by a small Indian choir and a melodeon, was very hearty and sweet, and the Lord's Supper was dispensed to about twenty church members. On the following day a feast was held at one o'clock, when the building was again filled with men, women and children. After the refreshments a programme was drawn out, an Indian chosen to preside, and the time well occupied with music and addresses. The collection at all the services amounted to $22, which, after paying the balance that remained due of the entire cost, left a small sum towards painting the church. Mr. Robinson says :—"Mr. Barrell appears to be doing a good work at this place. And I think that any man looking intelligently on this people as they were years ago, and as they showed themselves at these services, might with gratitude and hope say, 'This is the Lord's work; it is marvellous in our eyes.'"

Mr. Peter Keshick, Indian, formerly at Cape Croker, has been stationed for the past year at Sydney Bay, where the Indians desired him as a teacher, promising to defray one-half of his salary. Aside from his day school, he has regularly held Sunday services, organized and conducted a Sunday School, preached more or less frequently at King's Point and Port Elgin, and ministered to the sick and dying. With these brief references

to the work accomplished by our missionaries during the year, we must refer you for details to the several reports which will be appended to and published with this.

At the last annual meeting, your Board of Directors were desired to take into consideration the possibility of arranging with Churches to collect contributions without charge to the Society. At a meeting of the Board held on the 23rd of January, the following minute was adopted in reference thereto :—

"The Committee of the Canada Congregational Missionary Society have repeatedly and carefully considered the most efficient and least expensive method of raising funds for the work, as instructed by the last annual meeting of their constituents. They endeavoured to accomplish this in part by accepting the generous offer of Miss Baylis to collect without charge east of Toronto, but have been disappointed by her inability, through the failure of her health, to continue the work after visiting a few towns. At the expiration of seven months from the annual meeting, but one of the Churches whose representatives then promised to collect by some agency of their own has sent a remittance. The treasury is now empty, and they are under positive engagements with the Indian missionaries up to the 1st of July. Besides which, arrangements need to be made soon for next summer's operations, so that it is necessary for the Board to know whether the work can be sustained on its present scale ; and, moreover, whether it can be enlarged by the engagement of a white missionary. The Board feel therefore constrained to revert for the present to the former plan of appointing a collecting agent, and would invite the Rev. W. Clarke to undertake the work in Toronto, and north and west of that point. The places which contributed last year to be revisited, with any others that seem promising."

At a subsequent meeting your Directors resolved to request Mr. Clarke to visit places east of Toronto and collect for the Society in conjunction with the pastors of churches in their respective localities. These requests were acceded to by Mr. Clarke, and he has since been engaged in collecting with his usual zeal and success.

The thanks of the Directors is due and is hereby tendered to Miss Emma Baylis, who consented to undertake this work in part, and who generously insisted that her services should be rendered free of charge to the Society. Her success in the few towns visited by her before her health failed indicated that she would have met with a full measure of success had her strength been equal to her devoted energy.

We also have pleasure in acknowledging the sum of $357 from the Boston Society, established for the propagation of the gospel among the Indians of North America. This venerable Society has for many years lent us a helping hand in our work by like generous donations. We are

likewise under obligation to the Rev. Charles Chapman, of Montreal, and the Rev. J. I. Hindley, of Frome, for sending liberal subscriptions from their respective churches without our solicitation. Ladies of the three Congregational Churches of Toronto have also aided the Society by contributing clothing and other necessaries for the Mission Stations.

In the last annual report the Board of Directors expressed their purpose, should it meet with the approval of their constituents, to appoint the Rev. R. Robinson as Missionary and Agent of this Society. After consideration the annual meeting referred this matter back to us, the newly appointed Board, for consideration, expressing at the same time their "very decided deprecation to the appointment of a pastor of so important a charge as the one in question to the Indian Mission." After repeated consideration of this question, your Board, at a meeting held on the 18th of March last, unanimously adopted the following minute in regard to the matter, namely:

"The Board of Directors of the C. C. I. M. S., in view of the opening of another season of missionary work, have taken into special consideration the resolution unanimously adopted at the last annual meeting of the Society, namely: 'That this meeting expresses its belief that it is important to secure the services of an additional efficient missionary to the Indians.' Their experience in the actual conduct of the work impresses them more thoroughly every year with the correctness of this view, and with the absolute necessity of such superintendence to the vigorous carrying forward of the mission.

"They have also considered anew that portion of the last annual report, which was, on the same occasion, by another resolution, referred back to the Board, namely, the proposal by the preceding Board to engage the Rev. R. Robinson as Missionary and Agent to this Society, together with the 'very decided deprecation to the appointment of the pastor of so important a charge as the one in question (Owen Sound) to the Indian Mission,' and with the following results:—1. The need of an English Missionary Superintendent is conceded on all hands. 2. The qualifications for such a position are many, numerous and peculiar, and the Board not only know no one so qualified for the work as Mr. Robinson, but they know of no one else to whom they can look, so that the choice lies between his appointment and no appointment at all. 3. Mr. Robinson has for many years felt an intense longing for personal engagement in this work—a longing which has continued and increased in spite of all disappointments, including that of last year. He has a considerable acquaintance with the Ojibway language, spoken by the Indians around the Georgian Bay. He has had large experience of active service in the field through his repeated visits to the stations; his intercourse with the missionaries, and his perfect familiarity with every detail of the work, fit him especially for the office. And he deservedly enjoys the thorough confidence and

hearty sympathy of all his ministerial brethren and the churches throughout the country. So that, if such an appointment is to be made, he possesses eminently every qualification for the work. 4. In relation to the cost of the proposed engagement, the Board have ascertained that Mr. Robinson would be content with such a scale of remuneration as will secure the two-fold service in the mission field in summer and among the churches in winter, for very little more than has hitherto been paid for the collecting agency alone: while on the one hand much more missionary work will be done and more effectively, and on the other much greater interest will be excited among the contributors to the mission.

"There remains however the important consideration of Mr. Robinson's removal from Owen Sound. The Board have felt the gravity of the unsettling of a pastor so deservedly beloved. But the responsibility for that result does not rest merely upon them. The Indian mission needs such a man; his own mind and heart are thoroughly drawn to this work; and his place as pastor can be filled a hundredfold more easily than the post of missionary.

"In view of all the circumstances above recited, the Board have come to the conclusion that it is their duty to intimate to Mr. Robinson that they are now prepared to accept his services, if he can see his way clear to place them at their disposal."

Mr. Robinson has signified his acceptance of the office of missionary and agent to this Society, has resigned his charge at Owen Sound, and will enter upon his work at the beginning of July next. As stated in the minute just read, he will spend the summer months in active labour in the mission field, having a general supervision of the mission stations; and the winter of each year in visiting our Churches, reporting the work, and taking up collections for the mission. And now that our brother has attained the object of his many years desire, and is to be set apart by his brethren as a missionary to the heathen, let him receive a large measure of encouragement by our loving sympathy, devout prayers and generous support; especially as the mission field is not foreign but in our own land, and the heathen are upon our own shores, and almost in our very midst. Mr. Robinson will be assisted during the present summer by four Indian evangelists, and Miss Baylis; making in all six missionaries and teachers.

Your Directors are very anxious to secure means sufficient to employ other missionaries to fill stations still vacant, and occupy new places that are open to us, which are fields full of interest.

In concluding their annual report, your Directors would do so with the words of the first Great Missionary to our race, who, in order to qualify himself for the work, graduated in our humanity, becoming the Divine Man, living for thirty years a life of stern self-abnegation and suffering, and finally dying that he might bring to us the blessings which we now

enjoy, and which were then provided for millions who have never heard thereof in order to embrace them, and blessings unseen yet in store, exceeding the utmost limits of our thoughts. Christ said to his disciples, and through them has said to us, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL N. JACKSON, M.D.,
Secretary.

Toronto, 8th May, 1873.

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL DEPUTATION.

The Board of Directors requested the President—Rev. F. H. Marling and the Revs. William Clarke and Robert Robinson—to make the usual annual visit to the Mission Stations and preach the Gospel to the Indians wherever they might be found. The President was prevented from taking part in the work, which was accomplished by the others as here reported.

On Wednesday, 19th June, the Indian Teachers, Messrs. Barrell and Keshick, with Rev. R. Robinson, started from Owen Sound in the good boat *Nereid*, for Spanish River, hoping there to find Rev. Wm. Clarke, and with him proceed on our annual evangelization tour among the Indians. Our custom was to rise about dawn and carry on sail until we could find a harbour, where we camped for the night. Occasionally we were compelled by stress of weather, or by calms, to stay in camp most of the day, and sometimes we spent a great part of the night in getting to port. Our tents pitched and supper eaten, we sang our Indian hymn, read a chapter of the Bible in English, and then in succession, one in Indian and one in English, we offered prayer to our Heavenly Father. The like worship we held each morning after breakfast before hoisting sail, and thus we had subject for conversation in our boat, enlivened sometimes by the sight of a passing canoe or sail, and sometimes by singing a familiar hymn. Thus camping and sailing, we found ourselves, on Tuesday, 25th inst., about two p.m., at Spanish River Mills, surprised to learn that Mr. Clarke had not yet arrived; but about midnight he stepped off the *Algoma*, having been in that vessel aground on the rocks at Byng Inlet, and so detained. Next day we visited

Miss Baylis' School, in which she teaches the children of the Indians camping in the vicinity, conversing with their mothers after school hours, and presenting the gospel to all who will listen. This earnest lady is labouring to bring souls to the Saviour. The Indians frequently move away and others arrive, so that access to a considerable number can be had at this point. After having repaired the school-house, and having our sails mended, so that it was possible to reef and continue our journey in stormy weather, we started, on Thursday morning, for She-she-gwah-ning, taking Miss Baylis along. Owing to head winds, we made only about thirty miles ere we camped on Barrie Island. Here we were fairly worried by the flies the greater part of the night, and our features bore amusing marks of the fact in the morning.

Taking an early breakfast, and having worship on board, we started about five o'clock, and reached She-she-gwah-ning in about three hours. Many of the Indians were absent, but a pretty fair congregation listened to a sermon on the parable of "The Prodigal Son;" after which Mr. Clarke spoke, the children sang several hymns, and the chief made a speech expressive of his desire for a teacher. We promised to do our best to secure the needful instructor, but meantime the squaws had become greatly interested in Miss Baylis, earnestly desiring that she would come and spend a month in teaching them and their children, and proposing, in case their men could not go to Spanish River for her, themselves to navigate the boat for her conveyance. Miss Baylis was strongly inclined to make the attempt, but uncertainty of conveyance, and absence of camping convenience, compelled her to postpone her visit to another season. Leaving these interesting

people, we reached Spanish River Mills about midnight, having on our way visited some Indians at Bayfield Sound.

On Saturday Mr. Clarke was compelled to keep his bed. He had for several days been quite poorly, and was now completely prostrated by dysentery. Our work, however, must be done; so, making engagement for two services to the mill hands, and one to the Indians, for Sunday, we reluctantly left Mr. Clarke on his sick bed, and started for Serpent River, arriving about four o'clock p.m. Here we saw about forty Indians, including the old chief; gathered as many as we could in council, and preached to them Jesus. We found these Indians more favourably disposed than ever; and, under the very shadow of the pagan pole, had a patient hearing for the gospel. The result of council was the avowed purpose to gather the whole band to this point as speedily as possible, for proof of which several houses in course of erection were shown, and that they would then welcome a teacher. Hoisting sail, we reached harbour at Prairie Island about midnight, through some squally weather, and difficulty in avoiding sunken rocks.

After a rainy night, on the beautiful Lord's-day morning we hastened to get back to Spanish River in time for service; with all our efforts, however, we only arrived about noon, and found that in our absence Mr. Clarke had risen from his bed of weakness and pain, held the promised service, barely able to stand; his motto evidently was, "Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel." About three p.m., after a visit to the wigwams by Keshick and Barrele, a few Indians came together in the school-house to hear a sermon founded on the parable of "The lost piece of silver." About forty people came in the evening to hear a sermon on Mark 24, "Unto you that hear shall more be given."

On Monday morning, spreading tent and coats for Mr. Clarke's bed on board, we started for Sagamook, and on arrival found that most of the Indians were absent. The men refused to come together, and as they are without a chief to call them, we went from one wigwam to another, talking to them of Christ and his gospel.

In the afternoon we reached Lacloche, and leaving Mr. Clarke to the kind hospitality of Mr and Mrs. McKenzie, of the Hudson Bay post, to return home by the steamer *Waubuno*, we visited the Whitefish Lake Indians, who were camped on one of the Lacloche Islands, and conversed with them respecting the gospel for themselves and children.

These are the finest looking Indians whom we have seen, in point of cleanliness and intelligence. Although pagans, they are prepared to give a fair hearing to Christianity. One old man stated that although not prepared to accept Christ, he would not oppose Christianity, but would consider and give us his mind when next we met. After a run of about forty miles, we camped on an island off Manitouling Bay. Next day, Tuesday, we had a view of the large village Wequemakong, site of the flourishing Jesuit Mission. At night, the rain having driven away the mosquitoes, we were able to get some sleep, for which we were truly thankful; and on Wednesday, about 5.30 a.m., we started on our long sail across to the mainland. Obliged by stress of weather to camp at Horse Island about noon, we next day were favoured on our journey, so as to make some ninety odd miles, and reach Presqu'isle harbour, near Owen Sound. After leaving Keshick at his home on Sydney Bay, about midnight, wet, cold and supperless, we gladly anchored in Presqu'isle harbour, and longed for the day. Next morning we found ourselves at home in Owen Sound, careless about winds and waves, and thankful that, unlike our Blessed Master, we had a home wherein to lay our heads.

R. ROBINSON.

ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE MISSIONARIES.

REPORT OF MISS BAYLIS.

The following is the Report of Miss Baylis regarding her work during the past year at Spanish River Mills, a station on the north shore of the Georgian Bay, which is marked by No. 3 on the map published in the Report. Four months were spent by her in this field:—

As the weather is becoming cold and stormy, and the Indians have all left the settlement, I thought it advisable to close the school and work for this summer, and come down. The work this season has been in some respects as encouraging as last. There were more Indian families, and the children attended the school regularly. The average attendance was from 20 to 25, including a few white children. On my arrival in May I was very cordially received by the white people, and also by the Indians when they came in June. In addition to the day-school I had Bible readings on the Sabbath morning and evening for all who wished to attend, and S. S. in the afternoon, making it a general lesson for all, as I had no one to help me. A number of the hands from the mill, with their families attended the Sabbath meetings. The mothers came with their children to the S. S., and some of the men. The Indians who understood English would come also on the Sabbath. Revs. W. Clarke and R. Robinson preached one Sabbath; and a Wesleyan minister, Rev. Mr. Hurlburt, who is settled at the "Current," 37 miles distant, preached on three Sabbaths, also two week evenings, and lectured one evening on his 40 years' travels among the Indians. I had an afternoon meeting for the women, part of the summer. Everything went on very smoothly up to the time of the visit of the Catholic priest, who is a devoted Jesuit. He influenced this people against the Mission and myself. He told a sick Pagan Indian to whom I had been frequently reading Scripture, not to believe anything I said. He told the family to keep "the white woman" away from the tent: she was telling lies; and if they believed her, they would go to the bad place. I took no notice of what he said, but went as usual to read to him. Although a "Pagan," the priest baptized him into the Catholic Church, purposely I think to prevent me having anything to do with him. Two days before his death, I asked hm if he believed in "Jesus." He said "Koh, koh" (no, no), and held up a small crucifix which the priest had given him. He gave him the cross—did he tell him to look to the Saviour? The interpreter whom I had engaged for the summer was a Catholic Indian woman, the only one I could obtain. He forbade her coming with me to interpret Scriptures. I was unable to obtain another. I felt the loss very much. However, I did not despond, or give up my visits to them; but set to work to spell and read the Indian Testament myself, and so far succeeded that they said they understood me. A Pagan Indian whom Mrs. Keshick and I visited a number of times last summer, and who has been laid up with lameness for five years, told me he was no longer a Pagan, but believed in the Protestant Church. He said he wanted me to come every day and read Scripture to him, and sing He said he wished he was nearer the School-house, that he might be lifted in when we had meetings, and hear the melodeon and hymns. He lived across the Bay, and to reach him I had either to walk over the high rocks about a mile, or cross the "boom," which was very dangerous. I could not always obtain a boat. The last time I walked the boom, I just escaped from falling in the water.

The weather has been intensely hot this summer, and at one time I thought I should be obliged to leave the work. The daily visits to the close, smoky wigwams were very fatiguing; but while there are souls sitting in darkness and the shadow of death, we must not shrink from the task of carrying the light.

The children took great interest in their school. Some of them are beginning to read, write and cypher nicely. They have also remembered a number of texts and hymns from last summer. Most of them attended the S. S. A little girl of eight years received a prize from me for the number of hymns and texts and general questions she remembered on the S. S. lessons. The middle of August, the children had their Christmas tree, with which they were very much pleased. I invited them all to come and spend the afternoon with me at the school-house. We had a very good time, myself joining in their games. My visit in July to She-she-gwah-ning, with Revs. W. Clarke and R. Robinson, was in some respects a pleasant one. I was glad to have the opportunity of visiting our Mission there, but felt sorry they had no teacher, they seem so anxious to have one. The children sing hymns in English nicely, and old and young listened to Mr. Clarke and Mr. Robinson with great attention. The chief asked for a teacher; Mr. Clarke said he could not promise them one this fall. I proposed to go for a month or six weeks; they were pleased with the offer, and said they would come to Spanish River and fetch me. However, on our return to the mills, we talked it over. Mr. Robinson and myself thought it best not to make the attempt this summer, as there was no furniture in the Mission house, and no place to board, and a difficulty of getting back to Spanish River in the fall in time to take the steamer down, or travelling in a small sail boat on the lakes at that season. I hope you will send a teacher to them soon. I do not think it wise to start a Mission and then close it. Will not some student or Missionary volunteer to go? The latter part of September I closed the school and work, as the Indians and most of the people have left for their winter quarters. Mr. Robinson did not build mission rooms, as was proposed, as there is a possibility of the mills being removed next summer; and as the Indians go there for work, it would be useless to keep the Mission there. The few remaining families were sorry to have the Mission closed for the winter. The last day of S. S. they expressed their regret that I was leaving them. They said there would be no S. S. or Bible readings during the winter. I gave two of the men who were in the S. S. each a bundle of S. S. papers and good reading for distribution this winter in the shanties. I told the children and people they must be like the "little captive maid"—carry away with them the instruction they had received. We closed the S. S. by singing "Here we meet to part again; in heaven we part no more."

We again committed the work to the Lord, asking Him to own and bless it, for without his blessing, all will have been in vain.

Yours in the work,

EMMA BAYLIS.

P.S.—I would like to acknowledge a "Bethel Flag" which I received for the Mission from Shaftesbury Hall and Amherst St. Con. S. S., and which has been hoisted on the School-house all summer. I would also ask that copies of the "*British Workman*" and S. S. papers be contributed to this Mission.

E. B.

REPORT OF MR. KESHICK.

By request of the Indians at Sydney Bay, the directors, at the beginning of the Missionary year, removed Mr. Keshick from Cape Croeker to that place, the Indians desiring him to teach their school and promising to defray one half of his expenses. The following is from his annual report:

Soon after I got back from visiting the North Shore Indians, I removed to Sydney Bay, where I was stationed to teach school this year. It was on the 4th

of July when I got home to Cape Croeker from North Shore with Rev. Messrs. Clarke and Robinson. Then on the 15th I removed from my place to Sydney Bay, and could not follow my business immediately owing to the absence of all the Indians, until on the 22nd July. In the afternoon I opened the school: on Sunday we had our service in the same house where I kept the school. I had fourteen hearers, but our meeting was good. August 23rd I had a service at Kings Point, and after meeting I started for Rama camp meeting to try and get a missionary to go to She-she-gwah ning. I preached in the church at Rama; the church was crowded with Indians and whites. In returning go to the Christian Islands on the 7th September. On Sunday the 8th the Indians wanted me to preach in their church, which I willingly did, trusting the Great God would help me proclaim his life-giving Word to his children here. September 22nd I had a service at Kings Point in the morning, and in the eveniug we had a prayer meeting at Port Elgin. December 8th.—To-day is the first time we had our meeting in the Sydney Bay school-house, (it had just been completed). The service was well attended; my text was, "O Lord, revive thy work;" will be found in the third chapter of Habakkuk, part of the second verse.—January 12th I commenced my Sunday-School; there were only ten children who came to it, and immediately after school we had our service. From this time I have my day-school regurlarly six hours a day, and six days each week, and on Sundays I had my Sunday-school in the morning, and service in the afternoon.—March 16th. As I heard some of the Indians had got back home at Kings Point, I went there and found two families had got back. The school at this place is doing very well; the children made much advancement since last summer in learning their lessons. The services on Sunday are not largely attended at present, but the Indians are going to come over after this on Sunday afternoons to worship with us during the sugar season.

PETER KESHICK.

Sydney Bay, March 18th, 1873.

REPORT OF MR. BARRELL.

As stated in the Report, Mr. William Barrell has been stationed during the past year over the Indian Church at Saugeen, where, assisted by Mr. J. Angecaubo, he has been faithfully labouring. He has regularly preached at Saugeen and French Bay, held prayer-meetings, conducted a Sunday School, and visited the Indians during the week. The following are extracts from his report to the Directors:

July 10th.—Prayer-meeting; we felt the Lord was with us: visited the sick folks and prayed with them. On the Lord's day, the 14th, I discoursed from the 14th chapter of Corinthians, verse 15th, also visited French Bay Sunday School: the Scripture was read and I addressed the pupils it was largely attended. Also visited some poor old people, and preached the gospel to them and prayed with them; they also prayed with me very earnestly. J. Angecaubo led the prayer-meeting this evening. 31st.—I held prayer-meeting—spent much time in visiting, and I am busy about the new church which is to be built. September 30th.—All the Indians are moving to the fishing ground. October 15th.—I went to the fishing ground and preached; the people were moved by the text; also had prayer-meeting this evening. 20th.—Preached at the fishing ground, congregation rather small, half of them were white people;—first part of my preaching was in Indian, then in English as well as I could; the people were moved by the word of God. After service, two of the white men called me out from the camp and gave me $2 25. I told them I took it as a gift for the church we are building. They were very respectable looking men: did not know their names, and they warmly shook hands with me, and also invited me to visit them some other time, and they told me that they are living in the saw-mill. November 10th.—I

was called to preach in the Methodist Church: the congregation was very attentive. Also discoursed to my own people this evening, and the Lord was with us. In visiting, I find my people really trying to do what is right, and they do earnestly pray that the Lord will pour down his grace upon us. 17th.—I went to French Bay and discoursed: the people were moved by the Word of God. I returned home and preached at Saugeen; the Lord was with us this evening, and I also preached between Saugeen and French Bay, to the poor and blind people. I discoursed from the fall of Adam, and that Jesus came down to save sinners. They wept, and prayed fervently that the Lord might save them. O, it was a refreshing season to see the rejoicing. 21st.—I was called from French Bay to go and bury a child, and discoursed from Luke xxiv. 6. The parents of the child are quite young; it was hard for them, the loss of their first child. They seemed to be comforted by the text, when angels spoke to the mourners thus: "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen," and I buried the child according to their wish. We propose to dedicate our new church on the 5th of January and have a tea-meeting on the following Monday. The Rev. R. Robinson arrived here on the 4th to preach for the church opening. April 6th.—I started for French Bay to preach. One family of Roman Catholics applied to be members in my church to-day. I questioned him a little. Do you believe in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost? Yes. Do you believe that Jesus Christ came into the world to save you and me? Yes. And do you believe that Jesus Cnrist is the only Saviour of the world? Yes. Well then, have you given your hearts to the Lord Jesus Christ? Yes, I do earnestly desire to love him. The man and his wife are seeking to be saved. I told them to come out every Sunday, which they promised to do. One of my members' children died on the 26th. The child said before her death, "The Lord is ready to receive my soul." 30th.—Prayer-meeting; the Lord was with us. Mary Angecaubo clasped her hands and said, O Jesus! for a long time; she was very happy although she was dying. I asked her, Is it bliss? Yes, she said, whispering. Thursday 1st of May she died in Jesus, and in great peace.

WILLIAM BARRELL.

Saugeen, 4th May, 1873.

JAMES FRASER, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE CANADA CONGREGATIONAL INDIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, 1872 & 1873.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Balance on hand per last report	$470 04	By paid Salaries of Missionaries and Evangelization	$695 65
" Collections per Rev. William Clarke	1,110 15	" Rev. Wm. Clarke, on account of salary	430 00
" " per Miss Baylis	121 25	" Travelling expenses, Missionaries and Directors	133 46
" Amount of American grant for two years	357 40	" Building Saugeen Church	150 00
" Fergus Sunday School	4 00	" Printing, Stationery and School Books	72 81
" Zion Church, Montreal	111 00	" School furnishings	20 05
" Miss J. Brodie	20 00	" Boat and Sails for use of Mission	66 60
" Mrs. Judge Pringle, collected in Cornwall	10 50	" Postage, exchange and petty sundries	16 54
" Rev. J. I. Hindley, collected in Frome	19 50	By Balance in hands of Rev. R. Robinson $29 00	
" Collections at prayer meeting, Northern Church, Toronto	6 00	" " Treasurer 650 00	
" Subscription by young ladies, Zion Church, Toronto	8 50		679 23
" J. Rogerson, per Rev. R. Robinson	5 00		
" Collections at Toronto per Rev. R. Robinson	20 00		
" Overcharge on Printing account refunded	1 00		
	$2,264 34		$2,264 34

Audited and found correct.

TORONTO, 31st May, 1873.

DAVID HIGGINS,
Auditor.

COLLECTIONS FOR THE

CANADA CONGREGATIONAL INDIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

FOR 1872-73.

BOWMANVILLE.

F. Raynes	$5 00
R. & H. O'Hara	2 00
Congregational Sabbath School	2 00
Wm. McMurtry	1 00
J. McM.	1 00
Rev. T. Reikie	1 00
Rev. C. Barker	1 00
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